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School honours Welsh war poet Page 3

Old Hall Gardens will host open air ballet performance

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Cancer charity will benefit

Young local ballet dancers will be putting on a charity performance this Sunday (June 21) at 3pm in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge, in aid of Cancer Research Wales.

(See page 13 of this week's GEM for more details).

Is Cardiff set to rule the Vale?

THE Welsh Government wants The Vale Council to merge with Cardiff City Council – a move that harks back to the old days of South Glamorgan County Council.

Although the Vale Council had been favouring a merger with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) – a move that was also favoured by BCBC – it looks now as if both councils' pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Announcing the Welsh Government's latest thinking on the issue, Public Service Minister, Leighton Andrews AM, said: "The case for fewer local authorities in Wales is compelling and widely accepted."

Looking at Wales as a whole, his plan is to reduce the existing 22 councils to just eight or nine.

Bridgend, which had favoured the Vale, is now lined up to merge with Rhondda Cynon Taf and with Merthyr.

Mr Andrews said that this was the latest stage in the consultation, with a Bill planned by the autumn, but most options now on the table appear to see Cardiff and the Vale linking up.

(For more details on this story, turn to page 17).

Solar farm march will test strength of local opinion

THE strength of feeling in the rural Vale over the issue of solar farms, is likely to be tested over the next few weeks – after a protest group based in St Hilary vowed to try to mobilise opposition.

An application has been submitted for a solar farm close to the road between St Hilary and St Mary Hill, and the group was out over the weekend putting up signs opposing the application.

A protest march has been planned on Saturday, June 27, at 10.30am, when protestors will leave St Hilary and march to Cowbridge High Street.

One issue that should be aired more thoroughly in the coming weeks is whether the loss of agricultural land (usually for a period of 25 years) will have a significant effect on food production in the Vale.

The protest group favours the siting of solar panels on industrial estates, rather than on green space.

Community group raises funds for Nepal earthquake

A SUM of £756.29p was raised on Saturday, June 13, when Llanblethian Community Group joined Llanblethian Church for a joint venture to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal

"The church was the venue and, with rearranged pews, a warm atmosphere was created by a lively mix of people who supplied and devoured delicious food, while chatting, drinking and enjoying music from a violin and flute ensemble," it was reported.

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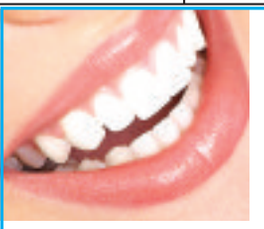
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'Let's support the Airport!'

I CAN concur with Steph Bonner – 'You just can't beat flying from Cardiff Airport' – GEM letters, last week. Having driven, or had taxis to Bristol since Bmibaby quit Cardiff, it will be a pleasure to be able to fly from Rhoose again.

So come on, you people who complained so much about not being able to get flights from Cardiff Airport – book your Flybe seat now for the autumn break – especially golfers.

The courses on the Algarve and Spain await you this winter!

C Wilkins,
Welsh St Donats.

'Make opposition to workfare clear'

I READ with interest Coun Neil Moore's column, headed 'View from the Vale', in The GEM on May 28.

Coun Moore mentioned that the Vale Council is using a "council work programme" to support people into work.

Readers may have got the impression that the council is using the work programme, part of the Tory Government's notorious workfare system.

Unite Community, the grassroots organisation of the Unite Trade Union, has for some time been investigating the use of workfare by councils across Wales.

We can confirm that the Vale Council is not using workfare.

We know this because Coun Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru) helpfully asked a question about workfare at the meeting of the full council on April 29 – which produced a somewhat clearer statement of the council's position than was contained in Coun Moore's GEM column.

I invite Coun Moore to make his opposition to workfare crystal clear by signing the Unite pledge at *http://www.unitetheunion.org/campaigning/workfare/workfare---council-pledge/*.

Paul Browning,
Llantwit Major.

Refugees: *'Do not look the other way'*

LAST week's fine industrial exhibition in Maesteg Town Hall was a reminder of how immigrants from Italy and Poland joined with local people to mine the valley, and develop an iron industry that brought prosperity to Wales and the world.

Today, the issue of immigration to the UK is a vexed one, and during this Refugee Week (June 15 – 21), we are made aware of the desperation, fear and courage of people, forced to leave all that is familiar, to seek work like the immigrants to Maesteg did over 70 years ago.

The plight of the thousands of refugees risking everything, believing that Europe offers a better life, touches our common humanity, and it behoves us all and our governments to be open and compassionate.

We depend so much on immigrant labour in many aspects of our social and economic lives, including the NHS, care sector, and agriculture.

Refugee Week 2015 invites us to celebrate 'our different pasts and shared future'.

We urge the British Government to effectively help these people, and not just look the other way.

Ann Lewis, Sue Rhodes and Gill Nelson,
(on behalf of Bridgend Quakers).

Lasting Power of Attorney

'TRUST IS THE KEY WORD'

I WOULD like to expand on the topic of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) to GEM readers, raised in the June 4 issue, from a solicitor's point of view.

Approaching this subject can be difficult at the best of times; however, a necessary one.

A number of options are available for those wishing to nominate a guardian or for someone seeking to protect a vulnerable person.

True, the system is somewhat bureaucratic; nevertheless, for those where financial constraints are an issue, applying for LPA is reasonably straightforward – as long as they go about it logically.

That means read the available advice *www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney*; study the downloadable documents – free; recognise the fundamentals of LPA – assets and/or welfare.

The system is flexible, and there are a number of ways to proceed for those wishing to grant LPA or nominate a guardian.

This includes increasing the levels of protection, should the need arise (onset of dementia) at a later date. Whilst there are initial administrative costs, these can be refunded.

The main issue to consider in this process is 'trust'. Nominating more than one person to act for you in whatever role you choose can be advantageous, and all are accountable for their actions.

Mr R K Davies,
Barry.

Young Welsh voters second class citizens?

IT is very sad to see the Tories 'turn coat' on such a vital issue as allowing voting rights to 16 to 17-year-olds in the European Referendum.

This momentous decision will profoundly affect the long term future of young people, most of whom have been to Spain more times than they have visited London, and are indigenous Europeans to the core.

Having won the election, the Conservatives appear to be conveniently changing their minds.

There are no excuses; this age group will be simply, if allowed, voting on who rules them; not specific laws.

Former Conservative Minister, Damian Green, identified young people as one of the groups that the Conservatives needed to focus on.

Mr Green said the Conservatives' modernisation was incomplete: "I would prefer to welcome young people to a party whose values they share, if only we bothered to listen to them.

"As a sign of how we listen, we should think about giving votes to 16 and 17-year-olds."

Clearly a little bit of success at the ballot box changes annoying little matters like principles for the Tories.

The 16 and 17-year-olds were allowed to vote on the legislative future of Scotland.

The youth of Wales and of England are clearly regarded as second class citizens to those of their Scottish neighbours, when it comes to voting under the Conservatives.

Coun Phillip Rapier (Labour), Penarth.

A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

RESIDENTS of the western Vale who continue to be inconvenienced by the Ewenny railway bridge closure will be annoyed, as I was, to discover what Network Rail can do when it tries.

At Harcombe Hill, east of Bristol Parkway station, a very similar structure was replaced last Christmas in 42 hours!

A timelapse video of the work can be found on *youtube.com*. Search for 'Harcombe Hill'.

Colin Dimond,
Wick.

'Please speak to each other!'

WITHOUT my own transport, would the organisers in the Vale please tell me how I can support three worthwhile events in the area at the same time?

On June 20, we have the Victorian Fayre in Llantwit Major, Barry At War weekend (with The Red Arrows) in Barry and a Fun Day in Sully!

Who were the clever organisers? Don't you speak to each other?

What could have been three wonderful days out, were condensed to a solitary choice!

Mrs Jackie Morris,
Barry.

Doom and gloom!

THE credit rating agencies forecasting doom if Britain leaves the EU, are the same ones that never saw the financial crisis coming.

The whole story is reminiscent of the horrors forecast when the UK left the exchange rate mechanism.

This turned out to have been the best thing the UK could have done.

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

Calling pupils back to school...

ON July 11, 55 years ago, Maes y Coed school in Barry was opened by Dame Dorothy Rees.

Please visit the building at 2.30pm on July 11 to mark the occasion.

Anyone with any connection to the school over the years is welcome to come and join us!

Barbara Milhuisen (Jenkins).

'March against solar farms'

IT was good to see in last week's edition of The GEM that there is a campaign against another solar farm development in the Vale. It appears, that the Vale is taking the brunt of these solar developments.

I completely agree with the argument put forward in last week's article that there is no place for these solar panels in the countryside.

It seems to me that it is obvious to put them on industrial estates that are not occupied. These already have concrete standings and are plentiful in the area.

It was also good to see, on the website, that the management of the Manor House Nursing Home are fully behind this campaign.

I would urge fellow countryside dwellers to support this campaign, as they could be proposing more solar panels on your doorstep next.

I also urge as many people as possible to attend the march on June 27, in an effort to further highlight people's awareness.

Mrs Victoria Pryor.

Why reject a water park?

I WOULD like to respond to the letter, 'We won't sell Island short', by Coun Lis Burnett in The GEM, on June 11.

Ms Burnett's put-down that the statement made in my letter in the previous week's paper 'is laughable', is typical of the council's reaction to any hint of challenge.

Readers should know that I sat just two metres away from the council's major projects officer, John Dent, when he stated that an approach had been made for a water park with a form of accommodation on Nell's Point – and that it was rejected because it would have taken too long to build.

Unfortunately, council minutes for that meeting appear rather vague.

On this matter, what I would like to know is who made the decision that "no bids were sufficiently viable"?

I've always been led to believe that it is the cabinet or the council that make decisions of this nature, and I cannot find any council minute referring to the decision.

The land in question is managed on behalf of taxpayers by the council, and the disposal of our assets should be open to public scrutiny.

Why is Ms Burnett so adamant in shooting me down? This facility could have been wonderful for Barry; it should have been reported at a public meeting, debated, followed up and encouraged, instead of being thrown out at first base, like so many other great ideas.

We need fresh thinking in this council, and we need it fast!

Jonathan Osborne,
(FocusBarry member).

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	08.24	9.6	20.44	9.7
19 Fri	09.08	9.6	21.22	9.5
20 Sat	09.44	9.3	21.59	9.2
21 Sun	10.19	9.0	22.36	8.9
22 Mon	10.58	8.7	23.14	8.6
23 Tues	11.38	8.3	23.57	8.2
24 Wed			12.22	7.9
25 Thur	00.47	7.9	13.19	7.7

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Cowbridge couple celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary

The Queen remembered Allan and Jean!

A YEAR ago, The GEM congratulated Wing Commander Allan Bruce and his devoted wife, Jean on their 70th (platinum) wedding anniversary.

Another year on, and on Tuesday, June 17, they celebrated their 71st anniversary with a card from the Queen.

They met at a dance in December 1943 while they were both stationed at RAF Aberystwyth and married in Goodmayes in 1944.

While in the RAF they had various postings including two at RAF St Athan.

Allan and Jean met while they were in the RAF.

Life after the RAF meant that they could finally settle down and over 40 years ago chose South Glamorgan, with the last 32 of those in Cowbridge.

Over the years they have been active members of the local community and, now into their 90s, still enjoy popping into the High Street for a coffee and a chat with friends.

Their daughters, Jennie and Belinda, and all their families, wish them a very happy 71st anniversary and many more to come.

The GEM adds its good wishes!

BJ

Insight into a cremation pioneer...

LLANBLETHIAN WI NEWS

MEMBERS were delighted to welcome speaker, Mr Dean Powell, who gave a very interesting and fascinating insight into the life of Dr William Price.

Dr Price is probably best known for the part he played in legalising cremation in this country in 1902 but we learnt about his many interests and of his very flamboyant lifestyle. He was born on March 4, 1800.

He was a brilliant scholar and surgeon and was instrumental in pioneering healthcare in the Welsh valleys. He was fascinated with Egyptology and Druidism and proclaimed to be a Grandmaster of Druids. He became obsessed with Druidism and Egyptology and turned his back on Christianity.

He was a very outspoken character and a vegetarian who did not marry until the age of 84 and his wife was only 22 years of age! They had a son but, sadly, he died at the age of five months.

It was at this stage that Dr Price became involved in cremation which, at this time, was not a legal process. He tried to cremate his son and for this he was arrested and sent for trial in Cardiff. He went on to have another son and then a daughter at the age of 86.

He died in 1893. He was cremated on the hill at Llantrisant and 20,000 people descended on Llantrisant to show their respect for a remarkable and colourful Welshman.

The next meeting will be on June 9 at Llanblethian Church Hall at 7.30pm when the topic will be 'Beading for Everyone'. Visitors and new members welcome.

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School to mark centenary of Welsh war poet Alun Lewis

ABOVE: Elinor Parsons and Emma Harding have written a musical interpretation of Alun Lewis' poetry.

PUPILS at Cowbridge Comprehensive School are preparing to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the poet Alun Lewis, one of Cowbridge Grammar School's most famous old boys.

Alun Lewis was born on July 1, 1915, in Cwmaman in the Cynon Valley and joined Cowbridge Grammar School as a boarder on a scholarship in 1926.

At Cowbridge, he was enthused with a love for literature. He wrote prose and poetry for the school magazine, *The Bovian*, acted in school plays and took part in the debating society.

Lewis went on to read English at Aberystwyth and Manchester and qualified as a teacher. His first collection of work, *Raiders' Dawn and Other Poems*, was published in 1942.

A volume of his short stories, *The Last Inspection*, was also published that year and showed that he was equally at home as a prose writer.

Lewis died in early 1944 in Arakan in Lower Burma while serving with the South Wales Borderers. He is now regarded as one of Britain's finest war poets.

Two identical services to celebrate Lewis' life are to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Wednesday, July 1, at 11am and 1.45pm.

Pupils have been preparing for the event by writing poetry and music inspired by Lewis' poetry. Some of that work will be performed during the services.

Back in school, the art department is producing a mural to celebrate the poet's life, and the history department is producing stand alone lessons about the poet and his world.

During the services at Holy Cross Church, Mr Colin Lewis, a former Head of Lower School, will talk to the pupils about life in Cowbridge Grammar School in the 1920 and 30s.

The school has invited governors, councilors and members of the Old Boys' Association to the services.

Further information is available from gaustin@cowbridgecs.co.uk

'Our amazing ambassadors!'

WE would like to say how proud we are of our school ambassadors, who have thoroughly supported the headteacher, deputy head and the governors through the rigorous process of appointing excellent teachers and leaders of learning at Llansannor.

You did a fantastic job and certainly challenged all the candidates. All candidates spoke very highly of our ambassadors and of the caring, happy ethos felt throughout the school .

Parents will be notified of the names and classes of our new staff members on Friday, June 19.

Llansannor School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Brecon trip

CHILDREN in years-5/6 at Llangan Primary School have recently enjoyed a three-day adventure break in the Storey Arms area of the Brecon Beacons.

Although a little tired, they were full of enthusiasm for the activities they had taken part in, which included canoeing, hill walking and team building.

The next big event was taking place in Llangan school on June 17 when the school played host to an inter-school football tournament.

Photo history

ON Saturday of last week (June 13) I went along to St Canna's at Llangan, to view the many historic photographs and letters; some were of local parishioners I actually knew when I attended Llangan School.

Cyril Jenkins would pull my hair on our way home from school! I was telling this story to their daughter Susan, who I know would walk with her parents Cyril and Connie and brothers to attend the services at St Canna's from their Treoes home.

St Canna's has been a place of worship since the 12th century. It is a listed building and it really is amazing how the interior is in such beautiful condition.

If any readers of my column would like to learn more about the history of St Canna's and take an active part – why not become a Friend of St Canna's?

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Reminder

THE concert by Cor Meibion, Caerdydd, will take place at St Canna's, Llangan on Friday, June 26 at 7.30pm; £7 admission will include raffles. Call 01656 656199.

ART SHOWS

EXHIBITIONS at Giles Gallery, Pontyclun, include: August 1 – 11, artwork by Swansea-based Paul Robbins; and August 8 – 29, artwork by local artist Julie Lyddon.

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NEWYDD YSGOL LLANHARI NEWS

Urdd eisteddfod

IT was a pleasure to witness all the pupils' efforts when competing in the Urdd National Eisteddfod recently at Caerphilly.

The standard was very high and we are all very proud of the young representatives from Llanhari. We must also congratulate year-12 pupil Gwynfor Dafydd who won a literary prize at the Eisteddfod.

His poem was judged to be the best in the competition for year-12 and 13 pupils. He has since been invited to read his poem on national radio. Well done!

Recycling bikes

A PIONEERING scheme is under way in school, where staff and pupils are invited to bring in old bicycles to school in order to recycle them. They are recycled and repaired at the centre at Pontypridd High and are then used in PE and public services lessons in school.

Bay visit

PUPILS in years 1 and 2 have been studying Cardiff Bay recently and therefore they thoroughly enjoyed the experience of visiting the Bay before half term.

They visited the Millennium Centre, the lightship, the Senedd, and took a trip on the river past the Millennium Stadium, before enjoying a well-earned ice cream at Cadwaladers'!

Farm visit

THE nursery and reception pupils also enjoyed a trip before the half term holiday, visiting the farm at Cefn Mably. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting the farm and participating in pet handling sessions and donkey rides.

Peny-y-Fan

YEAR-9 pupils who climbed Pen-y-Fan during our last PSE day, must be applauded. It was putting into practice everything that they had learned about health and fitness! It was a true team effort – well done!

Farm visit.

Pen-y-Fan.

Folk group competing on stage.

Individual soloists and duet Elan Booth and Luke James.

Farm visit.

ABOVE: Pupils enjoying the Maes!

BELOW and BELOW LEFT: Repairing and recycling bicycles.

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Gwynfor Dafydd's medal.

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New 'monks' at Ewenny Priory – then it was back to primary school!

New 'Monks at Ewenny Priory Church with 'Prior' Philip.

THIRTY new 'monks' were 'admitted' to the Order of St Benedict at Ewenny Priory Church, promising to keep silent at all times and to work hard.

However, they could not remain at the priory for long as they had to return to school for their afternoon lessons!

The year-6 pupils of St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School were visiting Ewenny Priory as part of the Ewenny 900 Schools project.

Greeted by the 'Prior', Father Philip, they experienced something of the life of the Benedictine monks 900 years ago.

As they processed into the church dressed in monks' habits, they heard monastic plainchant, then were read part of the Rule of St Benedict, and told about the life of prayer, study and work they would lead as monks of the priory.

'Prior' Philip showed the new monks the monastic end of the priory church, with the spiral staircase by which they would enter the church, the presbytery, with its wonderful acoustics for singing, and painted wall decoration, the oldest in Wales.

'Mistress' Marion Elliot told the monks stories and legends of the priory and the surrounding area. Before returning to school, the monks ate their medieval lunch of bread, cheese and apple, which they had wrapped in cloth.

The year-6 pupils had begun their day with a visit to Ewenny Pottery and the stained glass workshop. Caitlin Jenkins demonstrated how the medieval tiles in Ewenny Priory Church were made, and showed the pupils the commemorative tile she has designed for the Ewenny 900 celebrations.

Christian Ryan showed the techniques in designing and making stained glass through the commission for Llandaff Cathedral School.

Schools from the Bridgend area have been invited to the priory church in the autumn for similar visits, which will be backed up by teachers' and pupils' project material for class work.

The celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the building of Ewenny Priory Church are continuing in July with a flower festival from July 11-13. The arrangements are by members of the various organisations and activities connected with the Priory Church today. The church will be open for viewing from 10am to 5pm each day.

On Sunday, July 12, the Ewenny 900 Eucharist will be held in the priory church at 11am. The preacher will be Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales, with music by the St Donat's Chamber Choir. At 6pm there will be Songs of Praise.

On July 18, a medieval fayre will be held on the Priory House Archery Field from 10am to 5pm.Participants include a medieval camp with medieval re-enactors, archers and battlers, a display of owls, and a craft corner of potters, stained glass artists and willow basket weavers. There will be music and dance, various stalls, activities for children and food and drink.

ABOVE: Caitlin Jenkins with year-6 pupils at Ewenny Pottery.

What's on the Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S last film for this season is *The Imitation Game* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, June 18, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

This is the dramatised story of the wartime work of the British mathematician and computing pioneer, Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch).

His tremendous contribution to the war effort in helping to decode the messages of the Germans' Enigma machines is in a personal sense set at nought in the 1950s by his persecution by the authorities for his homosexual relationships.

This moving film won numerous Oscars in 2015.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door). Big Screen will begin again in October.

Cindy Jeffrey at her Silver Acorn presentation.

Cindy receives her Scouts' Silver Acorn

AT the recent AGM of the (rural) Vale Scout District in Cowbridge, Area Commissioner Richard Edwards presented the award of the Silver Acorn to Mrs Cynthia (Cindy) Jeffrey of Llantwit Major.

She has been an enthusiastic, faithful and steadfast member of Scouting in the Vale District of the CATVOG area for over 30 years. Her interest has involved taking on numerous appointments in different Scouting roles with the 1st Llantwit Major Scout Group.

She has shown a commitment and dedication to Scouting as a Cub Scout leader, a Scout leader, District Scouter, group Scout leader, group chairman and group executive member for over 30 years.

Cindy has given service of a high standard and in recognition of her especially distinguished service she was awarded the Silver Acorn by Richard Edwards, Area Scout Commissioner for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, on behalf of the Chief Scout, at the recent AGM of the Vale District Scout Council.

Richard also presented Commissioner's Awards to Steve Partridge and Annette Dawson, for their work with 1st St Athan Cubs over many years.

Martin Booy, Acting District Commissioner (Vale District)

Residents sleep easier after council action on loud music

A COUPLE have been prosecuted for breaching statutory abatement notices and had their sound equipment seized following a 12-month investigation into complaints of loud music disturbing residents in Ewenny.

Rebecca Athay, team leader for pollution control, said: "The Vale Council is legally obliged to investigate allegations of statutory nuisance. In this case nuisance from loud music was determined and abatement notices were served on both Mr Christopher Morris and Ms Elizabeth Taylor.

"Mr Morris continued to play loud music and breached his abatement notice on four separate occasions. Ms Taylor continued and breached her notice on one occasion."

Both Mr Morris and Ms Taylor pleaded guilty to the offences. Mr Morris was ordered to pay £1,020 and Ms Taylor was ordered to pay £492. A forfeiture order to keep the seized offending equipment was also granted.

Richard Price, prosecuting for the Vale Council, said: "On one occasion an environmental health officer visited the complainant's home and witnessed loud music being played. The noise was of a level that it would interfere with normal sleep and therefore cause statutory nuisance."

Rebecca Athay added: "The Environmental Health Department pollution control works very well with the police and other agencies to tackle nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Obtaining reliable admissible evidence is essential in taking forward a successful prosecution.

"Once an abatement notice has been served it remains in place. Subsequent breaches will lead to further legal action being taken."

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Adele Nozedar was delighted with the discoveries during her tour of the gardens.

FORAGING FOR FUN IN THE OLD HALL GARDENS!

On Saturday, June 6 Adele Nozedar was at the Community College, Old Hall Cowbridge to give two talks about her new book *The Garden Forager*.

Representing the Old Hall volunteer gardeners, Betty Alden (in the morning) and Linda Osborne (in the afternoon), welcomed and introduced Adele and the audience then accompanied Adele on a walk around the gardens.

They found foraging for edible plants an enlightening and fun experience, and she soon had them nibbling hostas and tasting wild garlic seeds! Adele was delighted with the many discoveries she found in the grounds of Old Hall and gardeners Betty and Linda were agreeably surprised by the edible treats they and their fellow volunteers have been nurturing – unknown to them, for many years!

Having established a great rapport with her audience, Adele then gave an enjoyable presentation on her books: *The Garden Forager* and its companion book *The Hedgerow Handbook*. The audience was impressed with Adele's vast knowledge and her passion to "spread the word".

On behalf of the Book Festival and Vale Courses, Sally Perini thanked Adele for a most enjoyable event and said how she and her staff would look at the gardens with "new eyes" from now on.

She also paid tribute to the garden volunteers and pointed out that anyone wishing to join them would be very welcome and should present themselves at the Old Hall on any Thursday.

PENARTH RAMBLERS GO FROM WICK TO ST DONAT'S CASTLE…

SEVEN walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers including leader Geraint and his sheepdog Patch, arrived at Wick which once contained six pubs and had a reputation in smuggling days for the 'wreckers of Wick,' who would lure ships onto the rocky shore by showing false lights and then steal their cargo.

The group made their way through fields where some stiles were lost in the thick undergrowth, but a good bash with a trusty stick soon allowed them through on their journey to St Donat's Castle.

In the 13th century, it was held by the de Haweys family, before passing by marriage into the Stradling family and in 1925 was sold to the newspaper magnate Randolph Hearst.

It was commandeered for the training of Army officers during World War Two and then in 1960, became Atlantic College and receives students from all over the world who come to study.

The small medieval 12th century church dedicated to St Dunwyd lies in the shadow of the castle and the churchyard contains a memorial to the Stradlings.

More fields led them to Cwm Marcross and over several sets of stepping stones across the brook in the pretty nature reserve, before they arrived at the coast.

A climb up the cliff on the Wales Coast Path, was followed by lunch in Cwm Nash, out of the wind beside the Nash Brook which empties across the pebble beach into the sea.

Then came a climb onto the clifftop before turning inland near the remains of an old Celtic fort. Quiet lanes led them back to Wick.

On June 20, there is a circular 13-mile moderate walk from Bridgend railway station taking in Ogmore, Newton and Merthyr Mawr; please remember to buy a return ticket and obtain train times from the website or the leader; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On June 21, meet at 10am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk in the Radyr area; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

On June 23, meet at 9am at Cogan for the annual 20-mile hard Three Castles Walk taking in Skenfrith, White and Grosmont castles; contact William on 01446 747239.

JOY STRANGWARD

Council cuts phone bill

THE Vale Council has renegotiated its mobile phone contract – and hopes to save more than £30,000 a year as a result.

At the meeting of the Vale Council's cabinet on Monday (June 15) it was revealed that negotiations with the O2 phone company have resulted in a new agreement. The council has been with O2 since 2012.

The cabinet was told that in the last year of the contract (2014/15) O2 had received £92,825.

However, under the terms of the new agreement, that sum is expected to fall by between £30.000 and £35,000 for each year of the three-year tterm of the new contract.

Formal opening of local Water Activities Centre

AT 1pm on Saturday, June 20, the High Sheriff of Glamorgan, Heather Stephens will formally open the Barry Community Water Activities Centre on the Mole in Barry No 1 Dock.

The event marks the completion of the first part of the project which will ultimately provide an iconic, user-friendly building for use by all in the local community.

Work so far has seen the construction of a slipway into the dock, a car park, provision of pontoons, and temporary changing and classrooms, to the value of nearly £200,000.

The new facility will offer many groups and clubs a place to meet and participate in various water-based activities. Run by the Ocean Watersports Trust, a charity with the sole purpose of offering opportunities for everyone to be active on or near the water, the centre will also bring to life the largely disused dock.

OWT chairman, Chris Basten, said that the opening represents the end of the first phase of the project, with temporary buildings used while fundraising continues to complete the main facility.

He thanked all those who had helped, especially Barry Town Council, the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Sport Wales, Associated British Ports, Welsh Government, Grabit and the Simon Gibson Trust.

He especially thanked the 25 committed volunteers who had given up hundreds of hours of their free time to do everything except the actual construction.

He remarked that a lot more could be accomplished when groups worked together, and looked forward to the time when the opening of the permanent building bought everyone back to the Mole for another ceremony.

Anyone wishing to use the Activities Centre can contact the Trust via their website www.bcwac.org.uk, or just phone 07855 463293.

Art competition inspires talent!

ABOVE: Kate Evans creating her artwork which won the People's Choice Award.

DOUBLE the entrants and double the prize money – that's the plan for Art Challenge Wales 2016 after this year's inaugural event in Porthcawl captured the imagination of budding and experienced artists alike.

The competition challenged artists to paint, draw, sculpt or sketch a masterpiece in just one day. Participants began the morning with a blank canvas and were invited to set up at any location of their choice in the town.

Artists aged from 11 up to their 80s took part, with Karen O'Shea from Cardiff winning the first prize of £500 for her mixed-media piece entitled 'The people and coast of Porthcawl'. She used seaweed and shells that she found on the beach, made paper to hold it all together, and then painted her work once it had dried.

A public vote saw Cardiff's Kate Evans take the 'People's Choice' award, while 15-year-old Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupil Alice Webber won the junior competition for her watercolour painting of Newton Beach.

Art Challenge Wales founder Philip Vaughan said: "We couldn't have expected the first year of this event to have gone any better. There were 68 artists taking part, and to see them all spread out across the seafront and the town centre to create their work within such a tight timescale was a fantastic sight.

"Understandably, as it was a competition there are some artists who were disappointed not to win, but I would like to congratulate everyone who took part. The judging panel certainly had some difficult decisions to make.

"Some travelled from as far afield as Pembrokeshire and Bristol, and each and every one of the artists I have spoken to has said that they'll return next year. I'm absolutely bowled over by the response and, having got the event off the ground, we'll be aiming for double the number of participants in 2016. And to entice more artists to get involved I'm willing to double the prize money too.

Jeremy O'Connor won an artistic weekend course in Brecon after he was 'Highly Commended'.

"I've also been speaking to some contacts from Porthcawl's twin town in France – Saint Sebastien Sur Loire – and they're really excited about this event and are extremely keen to get involved. I certainly believe that this one-day art challenge has the potential to become a firm favourite in the Welsh arts calendar."

The non-profit event was supported by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) with funding from the Welsh Government's Town Centre Partnership.

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "It was great to see the start of what is clearly destined to become a much anticipated annual event. I might even dare to compete myself next year! Well done to everyone involved.

"As well as showcasing the high calibre of local artists, and giving them a chance to shine, the event also attracted participants from further afield and I'm sure that the visitor numbers will rise year on year.

"There was a real buzz around the town, and it was also a fitting way to kick off the 'Support Your High Street' campaign which highlights the vital role our local high streets play in community life.

"Please look out for further details of any other events and initiatives that may take place near you soon as part of this campaign."

All of the artwork that was created on the day has been made available to buy. A third of the pieces have already been snapped up, and if you are interested in purchasing any of the remaining work please visit www.artchallengewales.co.uk.

The full list of winners is as follows…

First: Karen O'Shea – 'The people and coast of Porthcawl.' **Second**: Mary James – 'Looking from the rocks to the Pavilion'. **Third**: Janet Hawkard – 'Self-portrait of my feet on Trecco Bay, Porthcawl'.

Highly Commended: Jeremy O'Connor – 'Coney Beach from the eastern promenade'.

People's Choice Award: Kate Evans – 'I figured the donkeys deserved a day off'.

Junior Award: Alice Webber – 'Watercolour of Newton Beach'.

DUCKS ARE LET LOOSE AT LLANFAIR PRIMARY!

RECENTLY, pupils at Llanfair Primary School enjoyed their annual duck race. The weather stayed fine and everyone had a quacking good time! The children asked family and friends to sponsor a duck to support the school PTA, which raised £451.32.

Laurie takes on Offa's Dyke challenge for Y Bont charity

IS there a more enthusiastic and determined fundraiser in Bridgend than 83-year-old Laurie Brophy?

A pretty exceptional challenger will need to come forward, because on June 23, Laurie will be trekking 177 miles along the Offa's Dyke Trail from Prestatyn to Chepstow, to raise money for Y Bont, the disabled children's charity based in Bridgend.

He will be setting off at around 1pm on Tuesday (June 23), following the trail between Wales and England – taking in the Clwyddian Hills, Shropshire Hills and skirting around the Black Mountains.

Don't let the photograph (left) fool you into thinking that Laurie is doing this on his bike. He will be walking/running every step of the way.

He is tacking the challenge alone, travelling light to keep the weight down and sleeping rough under the stars (unless the weather is too bad). Setting off at 5am every morning Laurie is aiming to complete 25 miles a day and hoping to complete the journey in six days.

A spokeswoman for Y Bont said: "What an achievement !

"Anyone wishing to sponsor Laurie they can donate via justgiving www.justgiving.com/Laurie-Brophy1/. Or telephone Y BONT 01656 646013.

'Cowbridge is a closed shop to young generation'

READER'S VIEW

I AM writing having read the many letters in The GEM over the past few weeks and months about housing development in the Cowbridge area, in particular the plans for Darren Farm.

Of course, development is a very emotive subject, as we can all see by reading people's opinions.

However, it seems to me so many people are missing the point here. Why? Because they are looking at this from a short-term point of view. Facts, whether you like them or not, are facts.

For too many years our children have been priced out of living in Cowbridge.

The consequence of that is Cowbridge will become an elderly dormitory town, especially with so many people living longer these days.

That means the nature of the high street will change with less money going into the tills and shops potentially dying.

Very few people, judging from the letters I've read, seem to be thinking about the future at all.

Surely it makes sense that we have a balanced age range in Cowbridge bringing a range of skills and life experience to the area? The more young professionals that come and live here, the more dynamic the town will continue to be, the more money there will be to spend in the shops, the more life there will be in the community as a whole – our sports clubs, playgrounds, schools, social clubs etc.

Yes, that means more homes will have to be built, but it doesn't mean every single field will have to be concreted over! Far from it.

It seems to me that if the development at Darren Farm is a way of breathing life into the future of Cowbridge, then it makes sense to have it.

The alternatives don't bear thinking about. My own grown-up children gave up all thoughts of returning to Cowbridge long ago, simply because they couldn't afford to come back.

These are people who were raised in Cowbridge, schooled in Cowbridge, and lost to the town – because they had nowhere to go in adulthood.

As far as the current and future generations are concerned, Cowbridge is a closed shop.

And yet we seem to be sitting back and letting it happen. That cannot be right.

Mrs Lewis,
St Athan.

News from the Southerndown WI

THE June meeting of Southerndown WI was attended by WI adviser, Marilyn Tucker, to enable us to complete the selection of a new committee and president.

We were delighted to choose Michele Smith as our president, who will be ably assisted by a committee comprising experienced members, along with relatively new members.

We would all like to express our thanks to Marilyn for her support in recent years.

The usual business of the meeting was then completed by Michele and a short report was presented, following attendance by a member at the – rather windy – WI Centenary Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace.

We look forward to continuing to provide a varied programme of activities throughout this year. Existing sub groups will continue to operate with the walking group meeting on Friday, June 19 at 10am in The Fox and Hounds car park in St Brides Major for a local walk. The reading group will meet on June 30 at 3pm in The Fox and Hounds. The groups are open to all Southerndown WI members.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall in St Brides Major. **PM**

CORRECTION

In a report last week concerning the murder of Conner Marshall, aged 18, of Barry, Mr Marshall's correct name was unfortunately misprinted. The GEM sincerely apologises for this error and for any distress caused.

Two meetings and two exhibitions on art society schedule

TONIGHT (Thursday, June 18), Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Cardiff artist and tutor Richard O'Connell, who will demonstrate some drawing techniques and lead a practical session in drawing self portraits.

On Thursday, June 25, local artist and teacher Lloyd Rowe will judge the 2016 calendar entries.

The Society currently has a small exhibition at the Old Hall Cowbridge, and another at the Topstak showrooms, Vale Business Park, Llandow.

Cowbridge Art Society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm–9 pm and visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Peterston WI is already buzzing!

A NEW WI group has been established in Peterston super Ely and the first monthly meeting was held on Thursday June 11, with an engaging talk by Harold Williams and Barbara, who have been beekeepers in the local area for over 40 years.

We meet every month on the second Thursday of the month (except August). Almost 30 members have joined to date and we are keen to welcome new members.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 9 at 7.45pm in Peterston Village Hall when we will be having a go at indoor curling. Will be a fun night – new members welcome. Just turn up on the night or contact 01446 760013.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Secondary education proposals are a concern

ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

TO say that there is a huge amount of concern about secondary school merger proposals being put forward by the Vale of Glamorgan local authority is an understatement.

The prospect of more than 2,500 pupils in one huge school will completely transform how education is delivered in Barry.

I have yet to see any evidence that creating one of the biggest schools in Europe will improve standards for pupils, and who knows what impact the disruption of building works could have?

It is an unnecessary gamble by the local authority, and many people are asking the simple question – can the Vale council point to an example where a school of such an enormous size has significantly improved educational standards?

I have been contacted by, and meeting with, many people with the interests of providing our community with the best possible education. Parents and staff are concerned that the consultation underway will not collect the information needed to provide an appropriate route forward.

If you have an interest in education, not just in Barry, these proposals have Vale wide implications, please go to http://bit.ly/1ekbFFM and complete the survey before the consultation closes on July 6.

I don't want to see children leaving primary schools across the Vale and being swept into a huge school where personal attention to particular needs would be virtually impossible.

It could be an intimidating environment for many, an enormous school where teachers don't know pupils names and vice versa.

I have written to the leader of the Vale Council this week to request that opinions of teaching professionals for and against the proposals are heard in an open and positive way.

This proposal is too important to be given the go ahead based on limited feedback, and the local authority could be designing in major problems for the future.

I am concerned that the local authority just hasn't thought this proposal through.

We are yet to see how such a major change to ours schools will improve standards. That, combined with no guarantee of funding for such major changes, could result in serious consequences.

With any issues that would arise from a misguided plan, the people who will suffer most are the pupils, parents and teaching staff – for that reason I encourage you to complete the survey before July 6.

If you have any concerns about the process and the proposals, please get in touch. The survey can be found at http://bit.ly/1ekbFFM.

'We need to educate ourselves on diabetes'

THE number of people with diabetes in Cardiff and the Vale has reached an all-time high of 23,035 according to new figures released today by Diabetes UK Cymru.

The new figures, extracted from official NHS data and published at the start of Diabetes Week, show that the sharp rise in diabetes cases in recent years is continuing, with 177,212, people diagnosed with the condition across Wales.

If this trend carries on, then in 10 years it is estimated that 288,000 people in Wales will have diabetes.

Many cases of Type 2 diabetes can be prevented – but there is no way of preventing Type 1.

With so many people now living with the condition, NHS Wales needs to prioritise giving people the education they need to manage their diabetes well.

At the moment, diabetes education is barely provided, resulting in devastating health complications, including amputation, blindness and stroke.

Beyond the human suffering, diabetes costs NHS Wales nearly £500 million a year, 80 per cent of which is spent on managing avoidable complications.

Diabetes UK Cymru is calling on NHS Wales and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to ensure people living with diabetes in the area are provided with education and support to manage their condition on a day to day basis effectively.

Diabetes UK Cymru's director, Dai Williams, said: "Over the last decade we have seen the number of people with diabetes rising at an alarming rate and these latest figures are a stark call to action – we must act now or face the very real danger of diabetes devastating the lives of even more people, and threatening to wreck the already over-burdened NHS.

"We know that most people newly-diagnosed with diabetes are not offered a group education course. This is despite strong evidence that giving people the knowledge and skills to manage their diabetes effectively can reduce their long-term risk of complications.

"While Welsh Government made a commitment to improve access to timely structured education for people with diabetes 18 months ago, little progress has been made. Now, we need to see health boards across Wales making this a priority for their patients living with diabetes."

Council achieves bronze Insport award

THE Vale Council has been awarded the Insport Bronze national accreditation.

The Insport development programme is designed to support local authorities and national governing bodies of sport to provide for disabled people and athletes.

Following a formal presentation and a question and answer session, the Insport panel indicated that they were unanimous in their decision to award the council this accreditation.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible services and leisure, said: "I would like to congratulate Karen Davies and the sport and play development team on achieving this award. I am delighted with the progress they have made in supporting disability sport groups in the Vale and I'm sure the silver award will be achieved in the future by this hard-working team. Well done."

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (PART) EWENNY)
(ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER (No 2) 2015

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location B4265 - St Brides Road, Ewenny from its junction with the access road into the quarry to the rear of number 1 Kingswood Close at grid 290072 177011 in a generally south westerly direction to the quarry access at Pontalun at grid 289928 176698. A distance of approximately 325m.

Reason To allow removal and replacement of a railway bridge on behalf of Network Rail.

Duration From 00.01Hours on Wednesday 1st July 2015, until 23.59 Hours On Friday 31st July 2015.

Diversions **(for vehicles under 15 feet high)** for southwest bound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Ogmore Road, then turning left at this junction and continuing in a generally south westerly direction and continue along the B4524 along Main Road, through the village of Ogmore-By-Sea, continue along the B4524 through Southerndown continue along this road along Southerndown road, and Bull Hill, to where this road meets the B4265 at St Brides. then turning left onto the B4265 Ewenny Road, continue along the B4265 along Ewenny Road and St Brides Road to the south western point of the closure, and visa-versa.

Diversions **for vehicles over 15 feet high** for south westbound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Wick Road and turning right into Wick Road, continue along the B4524 Wick Road and Corntown Road through the villages of Ewenny and Corntown, to where this road meets the A48, turn right onto the A48, and follow in an easterly direction along this road to Penre Mayrick, turn right into the B4268, and continue in a southerly direction along this road through the village of Llysworney to Nash Corner. From Nash Corner continue in a southerly direction along the B4270 to its junction with the B4265 at Llantwit Major then turn right onto the B4265, and continue along this road through Wick and St Brides to the south western side of the closure, and visa-versa.

Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access cannot be maintained during this closure.

Dated this 18th day of June 2015.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO)
(B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG) EWENNI)
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ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru cerbyd modur yn y man a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad B4265 - St Brides Road, Ewenni, o'r gyffordd â ffordd fynediad y chwarel, y tu cefn i 1 Kingswood Close, wrth gyfeirnod grid 290072 177011, ac ymlaen i gyfeiriad cyffredinol y de-orllewin, hyd at fynedfa'r chwarel ym Mhontalun wrth gyfeirnod grid 289928 176698. Rhyw 325 medr yw hynny i gyd.

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Cyfnod O 00.01am ar 1 Gorffennaf 2015 hyd 23.59pm ar 31 Gorffennaf 2015.

Dargyfeirio **(cerbydau llai na 15 troedfedd o uchder)** tra bod y ffordd ar gau, bydd traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael ei gyfeirio tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain ar hyd St Brides Road. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno hyd at y gyffordd ag Ogmore Road (B4524), yn troi i'r chwith yn y fan honno ac yn parhau i ddilyn y B4524 i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin ar hyd Main Road drwy bentref Aberogwr. Bydd yn dilyn y B4524 o hyd drwy Southerndown, ar hyd Southerndown Road a thrwy ardal Bull Hill hyd at y gyffordd â'r B4265 yn Sain Ffraid. Bydd yn troi i'r chwith wedyn i Ewenny Road (B4265), ac yn dilyn yr heol honno, ac yna St Brides Road, hyd at ben de-orllewinol y ffordd gaeedig. Bydd y daith yn ôl yn dilyn yr un llwybr yn union ond o chwith.

Dargyfeirio **(cerbydau dros 15 troedfedd o uchder)** tra bod y ffordd ar gau, bydd traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael ei gyfeirio tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain ar hyd St Brides Road. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno hyd at gyffordd Wick Road (B4524), yn troi i'r dde i Wick Road ac yn dilyn Wick Road (B4524), ac yna Corntown Road drwy bentrefi Ewenni a Chorntwn hyd at y gyffordd â'r A48. Bydd yn troi i'r dde i'r A48 yn y fan honno, yn dilyn y ffordd i gyfeiriad y dwyrain hyd at Bentremeurig, yn troi i'r dde i'r B4268, ac yn parhau i ddilyn y ffordd honno i gyfeiriad y de drwy bentref Llyswyrny hyd at Nash Corner. O'r fan honno, bydd yn dilyn y B4270 i gyfeiriad y de hyd at y gyffordd â'r B4265 yn Llanilltud Fawr ac yn troi i'r dde i'r B4265. Bydd yn dilyn y ffordd honno wedyn drwy'r Wig a Sain Ffraid hyd at ochr dde-orllewinol y ffordd gaeedig. Bydd y daith yn ôl yn dilyn yr un llwybr yn union ond o chwith.

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Cement plant is helping local homework club

THE Lafarge Tarmac Aberthaw Cement Plant has announced a partnership with the Rhoose Parent/Child Homework Club.

The homework club is a voluntary organisation, initially set up to help support local children with specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, keep up with their school work and give them confidence.

Now close to celebrating its third anniversary, the club has 80 children from across the Vale, with mixed abilities, attending its homework clubs on Tuesday and Thursday at Rhoose Community Centre – with a waiting list.

Cath Watkins with Chris Bradbury, at the Rhoose Homework Club.

The partnership came about following a fund-raising barbecue held at the cement plant in May, where colleagues at the works raised over £700 to help the charity. Club founders, Cath Watkins, Maria Thompson and Ceri Saunders from Rhoose, came along and told the cement team about the club, and everyone agreed that they wanted to be able to do more to help the club than just a one-off fund-raising event.

The community partnership will mean more fund-raising events will be held by Aberthaw Cement Plant colleagues.

Plant manager, Chris Bradbury and other colleagues visited the Rhoose Homework Club and said: "We are absolutely delighted to be supporting such a great volunteering initiative.

"All the youngsters were so well behaved during our visit and it was a pleasure to see what a great learning atmosphere has been developed at the community centre, and how the children are so keen to get on with their work, especially as this is an optional activity outside of their school day."

The next thing to be organised through the partnership is a summer trip for the children, to reward them for their learning efforts throughout the year, and planning is well under way.

Cath Watkins said: "The way that the club has evolved from when we first started three years ago supporting two local children is just amazing, but we knew that we wouldn't be able to continue to grow in this way, without more support.

"The partnership with the Lafarge Tarmac Aberthaw Cement Plant is more than we could ever have wished for and will help us support more children and their families across the Vale."

'THERE BE PIRATES IN BARRY!'

Children staff and parents from Cylch Meithrin Llantilltud Fawr took part in Barnardo's Big Toddle to raise funds for children less fortunate. Well done to all who took part and raised over £200!

Island's 'university by the sea'

A 'POP Up University-by-the-sea' is being launched to use an inspiring seaside location, along with inspiring speakers, to inspire new ideas and thinking at Barry Island's new outdoor ampitheatre on the resort's Eastern Promenade between 12noon and 2pm on Tuesday, June 30.

Featuring a lunchtime programme of 10 minute talks, the idea grew from an idea posted on the Barry Ideas Bank, with the event being run as part of the Wales Festival of Innovation celebrations.

The event is free and you can stay for just one talk or enjoy the whole two hour programme of 12 lectures.

Speakers will include local inspiring people as well as people from the Professional Speakers Association Wales, in a diverse range of fascinating topics from the factual such as archaeology, to the motivational, on how to have more zest in your life.

Commenting on the idea, Andy Green of the Barry Ideas Bank said: "We hope to use the occurrence of a stunning, inspiring location at Barry Island, along with inspiring speakers will create an entertaining and educational event, with fresh seaside air, fresh thinking and fresh ideas."

Further details are at the event's Facebook site or on the Barry Ideas Bank at www.yourideasbank.org.uk.

Incredible bilingual album for children

Jane Hutt with Penni Carr and Hannah Fitt.

ON June 5, Vale AM Jane Hutt attended the launch of a bilingual album by Babi Bach at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

Babi Bach, set up by Penni Carr, helps small children learn the Welsh language through music and the album with songs in Welsh and English was recorded in Wales by artists with strong links to the country.

"Penni Carr is the inspiration behind Babi Bach and this incredible album includes talented local singers such as the SAFE Foundation's Hannah Fitt," the AM commented.

Host a tea party... and help out Marie Curie!

Deborah Miller, Georgina Burke, staff at Cardiff International White Water.

FUNDRAISERS at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice are urging local residents to get together with family and friends and organise a Blooming Great Tea Party from June 20-29 to raise funds for Marie Curie, the charity which provides care and support to people living with a terminal illness.

Georgina Burke and Deborah Miller recently held a tea party on a raft at Cardiff International White Water to show how easy it is to hold a tea party no matter how big or small.

All the funds raised from Blooming Great Tea Party will help Marie Curie nurses care for more people living with a terminal illness at the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth and also in their own homes in South East Wales

Georgina Burke, community fundraiser said: "Holding your own Blooming Great Tea Party is really easy to do. Whether you hold it at home, at work or somewhere locally it's a fun way to get together with friends and support your local Marie Curie nurses and people living with a terminal illness."

Last year across the UK the Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie raised £667,000, which pays for 33,350 hours of vital nursing care.

For more information and to sign up for a free fundraising pack to host your own Blooming Great Tea Party, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teatime or call 0845 052 4184.

New post office at Plymouth Road

THE Post Office will open a new branch at Plymouth Road, Barry on Friday, July 10.

The branch will need to close temporarily for refurbishment from 5:30pm on Monday, July 6. During this short time customers can access Post Office services at Barry Post Office and High Street Post Office.

Fundraising for Nepal

ON July 10, the prestigious Kendal Mountain Film Festival will be in Cardiff to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

Action and adventure films from around the world have been carefully selected to showcase a wide range of exciting mountain activities at the New Theatre.

All proceeds will go towards delivering aid directly to the people of Nepal, following the recent devastating earthquakes. Three charities involved – international Porter Protection Group, Porters Progress UK and Community Action Nepal are dedicated to rebuilding the lives, homes and communities that have been destroyed.

Tickets are £15. Visit www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk or call the box office on 02920 878889.

Council picks up two transport awards

THE Vale Council's transport team have picked up one first place and one runner up award at the CILT Cymru-Wales National Transport and Logistics Awards 2015.

The council was named the winner of the safety category for its work on the stretch of Port Road from Barry Comprehensive School to Weycock Cross Roundabout.

The council also won the runner-up award in the partnership category for its links with bus company New Adventure Travel and their work to improve bus routes between Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, and Talbot Green.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for transportation, said: "I was delighted to receive on behalf of the council two prestigious transport awards that recognise the efforts of the transport team in delivering new transport infrastructure and also new bus services. I hope that we can build on these transport successes over the coming months and years."

The CILT Cymru-Wales National Transport Awards 2015 were presented on June 12 at the Assembly Room in City Hall, Cardiff.

Meet the bobbies

CASTLELAND – Meet your local officers at Morrisons, Barry, June 20 between 10am and 1pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT – at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on June 22 at 7pm.

COURT PACT – at the Witchill Community hall, Dyfan Road, Barry on June 25 at 6pm.

BARUC – at ASDA, Barry on June 25 between 1pm and 5pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT – at Youlden House, Fairoaks, Dinas Powys on June 22 at 7pm.

Coffee and a chat with PCSO Angela Stone at The Six Bells public house, Penmark on June 26 at 11am.

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Speech therapist Karen picks up honour for live-saving card

Karen Bowen (shown second right) receives her special operations award from Chief Superintendent Josh Jones. Also pictured are Judith Major, of the force's Public Service Centre and Wayne Crocker of Mencap.

AN ABMU speech and language therapist has been honoured for her hard work developing a potentially life-saving card for vulnerable people, and building training resources to increase awareness of the communication needs of people with learning disabilities.

Karen Bowen was presented with a special operations award by South Wales Police to commend her for her contribution to the Keep Safe Cymru campaign.

Launched in December, the scheme aims at helping people with a learning disability and communication needs.

Registered users are encouraged to carry a card listing their name, emergency contact details as well as health and other important personal information so they can get the appropriate help if they are taken ill or feel unsafe.

A direct phone line on their card will put the registered individuals in touch with a trained operator at the South Wales Police call centre.

The operators will have access to information about the individual's needs to help them deal with the call appropriately and seek the right kind of support to quickly minimise distress.

Principal speech and language therapist Karen is one of the ABMU staff members who work as part of Cardiff Community Learning Disabilities Team.

She was heavily involved in the development of the card, advising on suitable resources to support accessible information about the card and the development of training resources for call operators and the police.

The South Wales Police training and development department has used the resources to train around 350 call operators. Karen also scripted and recorded an online training clip for officers which will be made available via the police internal network.

Karen said: "The awards were given by the police force so was nice to be recognised as an external agency. I am very happy to be involved and hope one day it become an all-Wales scheme that covers everybody.

"The card helps to provide early notification of someone's needs so they can get the appropriate support. It is helping give someone a voice that might have previously gone unheard."

The free scheme, which has more than 300 users registered on its secure database, is already making difference.

SAFE RETURN

Karen said one registered service user who regularly travels independently from his home in Cardiff had come to the attention of police in Merthyr.

Police asked him if he had a Keep Safe Card and were then able to support him appropriately and contact relevant people to ensure his safe return.

She said: "Some people with learning disabilities can get in the wrong place at the wrong time. Having the card meant he wasn't detained and wasn't subjected to a mental health assessment which saved not only time and resources for the police and health service but also minimised distress and confusion for the individual. It was great to hear feedback like that."

ABMU's professional head of speech and language therapy Christine Griffiths said: "We are really proud of Karen. Her work is of the highest standards and her contribution to developing materials for training has supported the police in communicating appropriately with people with learning disabilities leading to more effective interventions.

"The Keep Safe Cymru card scheme is a fantastic innovation for people with learning disabilities and mental health conditions."

Vale railway line celebrates its 10 year anniversary

TEN years ago on Friday, June 10, 2005, the official reopening of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line took place, the first time since the early 1960s that passenger services had run on the railway line.

Minister for economy, science and transport Edwina Hart and Jane Hutt AM, together with Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration at the Vale Council, visited Llantwit Major Station on Wednesday, June 10 to mark the 10 year anniversary.

Since 2005 the hourly train service has gone from strength to strength with the railway line experiencing over a 10 per cent growth in passengers since the line reopened with over 340,000 passenger journeys undertaken on the railway line in 2014.

To mark the anniversary special, souvenir pens were given out to passengers and locals by Vale Council transport staff on Arriva Trains and at Rhoose and Llantwit Major stations.

Coun Lis Burnett, said: "The station at Llantwit Major offers the opportunity for visitors to come to the historic town and to visit its extensive shops and lovely beach.

"It has an excellent park and ride for those using the car to access the train service, and is also served by frequent buses and has cycle storage facilities for those passengers who wish to cycle to the station."

A free prize draw run by Arriva Trains Wales has also been launched offering customers a chance to win one of three return journeys for two people travelling together anywhere on the Arriva Trains Wales network, with the condition that the journey either starts or ends at either Llantwit Major or Rhoose Cardiff Airport.

To enter, customers must visit www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/VOG-PrizeDraw before 5pm on June 22.

READER'S POEM

THE following poem was sent in by GEM reader Mrs V Slade (aged 91) of Barry:

Dawn

Morning breaketh, day awaketh,
Rosy dawn is o'er us.
Birds are twittering, dewdrops glistening
Bright the way before us.
Larks their heavenward journey wending
fill the air with singing,
Whilst from hill and dale ascending
joyous notes are ringing.
Night with her dreams and fancies
flies, as the dawn advances,
Casting her blushing glances here and there.
Flowers that rejoice to meet her
Lift up their heads to greet her
Ne'er were kisses sweeter,
charms more fair.
Drowsy and dull the wings of night are o'er us.
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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

CONGRATULATIONS to the following pupils on their success at the Urdd eisteddfod in Caerphilly.

First: Nel Lewis and Huw Jones: Duet years 7-9. Dramatic Presentation years 7-9.

Second: Recitation Group year-10 and under 19 – Manon Ogwen Parry; Girls Solo year-10 and under 19.

Third: Duet year-10 and under 19 – Manon Ogwen Parry and Llinos Jones.

In addition to the stage competitions, pupils took part in a variety of other competitions. These are the results from off the stage.

Puppet or Mask years 7, 8 and 9: Cadi Haf Rhys Binney (3rd).

CogUrdd (Cookery years 7-9): Beca Berry (4th).

National Science Society's mathematical competition

This competition for secondary school pupils was established in 1983, with support from the National Science Society. The competition organiser is Gareth Ffowc Roberts, Bangor University. The competition is open to year-8 pupils.

All applicants will receive a certificate, and those who have reached a very high standard will receive a prize. In association with the Urdd, these prizes are awarded each year at the Urdd National eisteddfod.

This year, 842 pupils took part, with 120 reaching an excellent standard. Along with a further 10, Huw Jones reached an exceptional standard.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Recitation Group.

Huw Jones.

Beca Berry.

Nel and Huw.

The Wizard of Oz

DURING half term sixth form pupil Jodi Bird was part of Orbit Theatre's production *The Wizard of Oz*. The show received multiple glowing reviews in the press. Well done, Jodi and all the cast!

KH

Searching for a local artist

I have acquired a painting of Newcastle Church, Bridgend.

It is signed CJ Jones and on the back is written Newcastle Church, NFS, Cliff Jones. I am so pleased to have the painting, I have a very strong, sentimental, family attachment to Newcastle Hill.

I would love to know who the artist is, just to complete the story. If anyone has any information, please telephone 01656 650881. Thank you.

Jane Williams
Corntown

VALEPLUS

VALEPLUS holds a coffee morning and presentation of certificates on Friday, June 26 at 10.30am to 12pm; entrance £1.50 which includes coffee and cake, at 118a High Street, Barry.

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ROYALS JOIN IN WI CELEBRATIONS

AT the June meeting of Sker WI, president Nora welcomed members and referred to the considerable media coverage of the centenary celebrations and events throughout the UK.

Secretary Cynthia read the minutes for approval and notices of upcoming events.

The speakers were representatives from the Shaw Trust, a charity started in Wiltshire 30 years ago to help disabled and disadvantaged people to find work.

To date, hundreds of thousands have been helped. Government funding assists the charity and their 50 shops throughout the UK, the Porthcawl shop being one of seven in Wales.

The WI centenary annual meeting was held at the Royal Albert Hall this month, when the Queen opened the meeting accompanied by the Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

At the Gwyn Hall, Neath, a live screening was relayed onto a huge cinema screen. It was thrilling to watch, and plain to see that the royal ladies also enjoyed the informal and happy atmosphere of this unique occasion.

This was highlighted when the Queen had difficulty in cutting through the (extremely rich) fruit cake. Great hilarity erupted when the knife got stuck and Princess Anne stepped forward to lend a hand, to rapturous applause.

They were delighted when presented with cake to take home, saying that despite cutting cakes on countless occasions, it was rare to actually get to sample it! All three Royals presented annual prizes and they were each presented with flowers.

Speakers Lucy Worsley, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and Helena Morrisey contributed immensely to the occasion.

Final arrangements were made for the WI museum and riverboat trip in Swansea, with evening meal later this month, and summer fair (July 17) at Trinity Church. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact secretary Cynthia on 01656 786218.

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After the swarm, watch this space!

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

by **HAROLD WILLIAMS**

SWARMS and more swarms is the order of the day! My own bees have swarmed and calls are coming in all of the time.

This month is proving to be a very active one. The swarming of bees is a perfectly natural event; it is after all how the species ensures its survival.

What was one colony will now become two. One of the major triggers that bring about a swarm is usually the lack of space in the hive; at this time of the year, a queen bee can be laying up to 2,000 eggs per day! Why this many?

Well, the life of a worker bee (all workers are female) is measured in weeks – six weeks is about all they last – they literally work themselves to death to provide for the needs of the colony, so new bees are a must if a colony is to survive.

What is the format of our beehives we talk about? They are, in essence, wooden boxes set upon a base (floor). However, the dimensions of these simple boxes have to be accurate – because precision in honeycomb manufacture is something that the bees excel at.

There is within the hive a very definite bee space! This space is there so that the bees can manoeuvre between the wooden frames that we beekeepers insert into a hive.

In their turn, these wooden frames have to be constructed to precise measurements to maintain that required bee space.

The bees will not tolerate any dimensional infidelity on the part of the beekeeper.

So what is the bee space? It is 6mm. When a frame is inserted into the hive it is so constructed that it meets the demands of the bees: it is shy of the internal walls by this magic number and also has the same spacing on its underside.

Trying to describe this bee space is not too straightforward, but those of you reading this article would soon understand if you ever got to observe the inner workings of a beehive.

So room to expand has to exist within a beehive; the beekeeper can add extra boxes to provide the bees with more room and, hopefully, control swarming – but things don't always go to plan and after all swarming is how the species ensures its survival.

The poor beekeepers are left nonplussed when, despite their best efforts, their bees decide to depart...

This beekeeping year is producing a variety of conditions and the bees are handling the variable weather well enough. Will we get a honey crop this year? Who knows! As always, the weather is the dominant factor in the honey bee's world.

Dancers at charity garden party

A garden party, in aid of Cancer Research Wales and Team Wales for the Dance World Cup, will be held in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge this Sunday (June 21) at 3pm.

Pupils from the Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet in Cowbridge will be joined by the dancers from Team Wales.

Intrepid volunteers tackling Taff trail for Greyhound Rescue

TEN intrepid volunteers will be walking 55 miles along the Taff Trail tomorrow (Friday, June 19) to help raise funds for Greyhound Rescue Wales.

Starting in Brecon at 8am, they will follow the trail for three days, passing through Merthyr Tydfil, Nantgarw, and finishing at Roald Dahl Plas in Cardiff Bay on Sunday (June 21) at around 1pm.

They will be joined for the final 2.5 miles by around 40 greyhounds and their owners, to walk the last stretch to the Bay.

The event has already seen the team raise almost £3,000, and they hope to raise much more with the public's help.

Join the ladies only night time walk for the Ty Hafan hospice

WOMEN are being asked to don their favourite onesies for a night-time stroll on Tŷ Hafan's Wales Onesie Walk in Cardiff city centre on June 26 – to support life-limited children and their families from across Wales.

Starting and finishing at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, walkers will be taking part in a 5k or a 10k stroll, after live entertainment from the Rock Choir, special appearances from Captain Jack Sparrow and Anna Ryder Richardson, face painters, theatrical makeovers, and sports demonstrations.

The event, sponsored by Cardiff's Walkabout – the official venue of the Wales Onesie Walk after-party – is Tŷ Hafan's fifth night-time walk.

Emily Fradd, Tŷ Hafan's marketing and events Officer, said: "Tŷ Hafan cares for many children throughout Wales who have been born with a life-limiting condition – such conditions can require round-the-clock care. We are asking ladies to give up one night so they can support parents who rarely get a good night's sleep."

The Wales Onesie Walk is a ladies-only event starting at 10pm. Men are not being left out as Tŷ Hafan needs male marshals to provide a clear and safe route for the ladies taking part.

Emily added: "It's a magical night-time walk, with the camaraderie between the hundreds of women taking part, creating a wonderful atmosphere. As well as the walk, there will be pamper sessions, music, games and prizes before the event, and the usual glow packs and giveaways on offer."

Entry is £10 per person and each walker is asked to raise £50 in sponsorship. To register or for more information, please visit www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk.

Top award for nurseries owner

Little Inspirations Nurseries owner Jenine Gill (centre), with staff members Samantha Jones Williams (right) and Aimee Griffiths.

THE owner of three children's nurseries has won a top Vocational Qualifications (VQ) Award.

Jenine Gill, who employs 55 staff at Little Inspirations children's nurseries in Llantrisant, Rhydyfelin and Barry, was named VQ Employer of the Year at the Wales awards ceremony held at St David's Hotel, Cardiff.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of both learners and employers across Wales, were held on the eve of VQ Day across the UK.

Out and About with The GEM

Open Studio Trail events

FOLLOWING on from the success of last year's inaugural summer festival Open Studio Trail, Penarth artists are once again opening their doors to the public. Last year saw a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

The feedback was very enthusiastic, but many said it was difficult to visit all the studios in the course of one day. Therefore all the studios will be open both on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5, from 10am – 4pm.

The trail will be showcasing 11 artists' studios, with 20 artists taking part, and will allow people to discover the diverse artistic talent in Penarth. There should be something for everyone as fine art, glass, ceramics, textiles and jewellery will be on show.

Refreshments will be available at most studios with a donation to Penarth Town Council's nominated charity Santa Clause Benevolent Fund, which provides food parcels to the elderly in Penarth at Christmas time.

The walking trail is situated all around Penarth Town centre and many of the artists are grouped close together: Plymouth Road – Corrine Butcher, Judy Stephens, Cathy O'Doherty; Stanwell Road/Archer Road – Angelina Hall, Fran Whiteside, Jill Schoenmann; Victoria Road – Shirley Anne Owen & Geraldus John, Pauline Williams; Church Road/Windsor Terrace – Judith Martin Jones, The Penarth Group featuring Guy Wooles, Diana Mead, Chris Taylor and Steve John; Dryden Road – Anne Morgan, Bill Chambers, Ruth Harris, Ruth Shelley, Paul Wearing, Helen Lush.

Trail maps are available at most SIP participating Penarth shops, and also Rowley's The Jewellers. Artisans Corner, Penarth Library, Penarth Pier Pavilion and Penarth Town Council (West House).

News in brief

Vale AM's surgery

JANE Hutt, the Assembly Member for the Vale, will be holding a surgery at Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys tomorrow (Friday, June 19) from 4pm – 5pm. No appointment necessary.

Meet the volunteers

TO celebrate Small Charity Week, the volunteering team at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will be at John Street bandstand in Porthcawl town centre this Friday, June 19 from 10am – 3pm.

Small charity week celebrates and raises the profile of small charities; BAVO provides a county-wide volunteer centre offering a one-stop resource on all aspects of volunteering, with over 30 registered voluntary organisations offering a wide range of opportunities to match your skills and interests.

For further details, call BAVO, 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk.

Charity fun day

A FAMILY fun day takes place on Sunday, June 21 from 11am – 4pm at Dexters Tea Room, Felindre, Pencoed.

Plants, produce, children's activities, tea, coffee and cake. Live harp music.

Contact Sian Morris on 07970 400553 or Marged Griffiths on 07725 557240. All money raised for Cymorth i Cerys.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be hosting a coffee morning on Monday, June 22 at Ty Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP at 10am to 12pm in aid of the charities Ty Hapus and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information, contact 01446 704921, or email juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Health AGM

THE Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, June 22, at 6.30pm in committee room 1, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff.

Benefits advice

FOR anyone needing advice on benefits, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a monthly free welfare rights service.

An adviser will be available on Tuesday, June 23 (9.30am to 11.30am) at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry; no appointment is needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Summer in the garden

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society meeting on Wednesday, June 24 at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall will be an illustrated talk by Kevin Thomas.

He will show how a careful choice of plants can give optimum colour in your garden all summer. Kevin will also bring along a small selection of plants for sale.

All are welcome. The hall is just off the Boverton Road behind the library at the back of the Rugby Club car park, admission is free and we look forward to seeing you.

Tax advice

THE next surgery to offer free, professional help and advice to pensioners with income tax queries or problems will be held at Pencoed library on Thursday, July 2. Regular surgeries are also held at CAB offices, Bridgend.

To book an appointment people can telephone 08456 013321.

OPEN GARDENS

THE following gardens will open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme:

Hafod y Milgi, Heol y Wenallt, Thornhill, Glamorgan, CF83 1ND.

We love our garden and have enjoyed finding plants that survive in this elevated and sometimes windy position.

The aim has been to create sheltered places to sit and enjoy the pond, flowers and views of Nofydd Valley and Garth Mountain.

Come and enjoy our ever changing garden.

Opening information: June 20-21 (2pm-5pm), admission £3, child free, home-made teas.

Eric and Angharad Roberts.

Castle Upon Alun House, St Brides Major, Bridgend, CF32 0TN.

Grade II listed enclave incl. two-acre walled garden which was redesigned and replanted from 1998. Rose walks, pleached lime walk herbaceous borders, extensive lawns and an ornamental pond garden.

Shrubs and roses along tree lined drive not to be missed, with good view over garden. Roses a speciality.

Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (2pm- 6pm). Admission £5, child free. Home-made teas.

Lady Inkin.

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend, CF32 0AP.

Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club is the heart of a friendly community.

The 11 diverse gardens vary from the local school allotments, an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's garden, a rustic garden, an artists' garden, a productive vegetable garden, a quaint chapel garden, a water garden and lastly a small fascinating garden. Just about something for everyone!

Craft stalls, games, raffles, teas, plant stall, local school competition and table top sale, all in Green Hall Community Centre.

Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (11am-5pm). Combined admission £4, child free. Tea at Green Hall Community Centre.

The gardens in this group are: 13 Bedford Road; 6 Bedford Road; Bryn Terrace; Cefn Cribwr Primary School and Allotments; Cefn Methodist Church; 77 Cefn Road; 25 East Avenue; 15 Green Meadow; Hill Top; 6 Tai Thorn; 21 West Avenue.

Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HT.

The special needs school won silver at Chelsea 2011 and gold and Best in Show in RHS Cardiff 2013.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (1pm - 4pm). Admission £3, child free. Home-made teas.

Visitors also welcome by arrangement March to October for any size group. Admission £3, child free. Light refreshments.

Heronsbridge School; 01446 710423; broadclose1@btinternet.com.

Overton and Port Eynon Gardens, Overton Lane, Swansea, SA3 1NR.

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There is a flat cottage garden, one a steep sloping garden, one a plantsman's garden, and one a garden created from a deeply excavated site.

The last a four-year-old garden in progress. Enjoy views over The Bristol Channel while having teas at The Bays Farm.

Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (2pm - 5.30pm). Combined admission £4, child free. Home-made teas at The Bays Farm, Overton.

The gardens in this group are: The Bays Farm; 6 The Boarlands; Box Boat Cottage; Old Fort Farm; Ty'r Gwynt; Westcliffe House.

Bordervale Plants, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen, Cowbridge, CF71 7SX.

Within mature woodland valley (semi tamed), with stream and bog garden, extensive mixed borders; mini wild flower meadow, providing diverse wildlife habitats.

Children must be supervised. The Nursery specialises in unusual perennials and cottage garden plants. Nursery open: Friday-Sunday (10am-5pm), (and often open Monday-Thursday), March-September, when garden is also open mid May-September. Not for NGS.

Awarded silver medal (for category) RHS Flower Show Cardiff.

Opening for NGS: Tuesday, June 23, Tuesday, July 21, Tuesday, August 11, Tuesday, September 1 (10am-5pm). Admission £3, child free.

For other opening times and information, telephone 01446 774036 or visit www.bordervale.co.uk.

Dyffryn past takes shape in the present

WORK goes on apace at Dyffryn Gardens to finish the gardens before the summer holidays, as gardeners, conservationists and builders help restore lacklustre gardens to their former glory.

So far on the list of completed works is repointing paving, re-rendering buildings and restoring fountains to working order, but the list is much longer.

This week marks the sixth week of the restoration work starting and an extensive amount of work has been completed. Workmen and expert conservators have been on-site continuously and working together to meet the end of July deadline.

The expert team from Cliveden conservation has refitted the fountain, cleaned all the stonework and are currently working on repairing the statues.

Hazel Robinson, plant propagator at National Trust Dyffryn Gardens said: "The next stage will be adding in the new planting schemes which we have been growing in the horticultural yard. They'll have a huge and colourful impact virtually overnight so will really bring the garden rooms to life.

"The work will be going on throughout June and July which may mean occasional disruption to the areas; however, the house and gardens will remain open as normal. Stop by over the spring and summer to see the gardens transform."

For more information, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

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Now it's 'Sir Gareth' after Queen's Birthday Honours

Sir Gareth Edwards. *(Photo supplied by the Welsh Rugby Union).*

ABOVE: Jean Schofield, pictured at a recent KRUF event.

THREE Bridgend county borough residents were honoured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List – and leading the way was Welsh rugby great Gareth Edwards – now Sir Gareth, after receiving a Knighthood.

There were also honours for Jean Schofield of Porthcawl, and Doug John of Pencoed, who both received a British Empire Medal.

Mrs Schofield received her BEM for her work on behalf of kidney research, and Mr John received his in recognition of his work in the community.

The Welsh Rugby Union congratulated the legendary Wales and British and Irish Lions international, who won 53 caps for Wales between 1967 and 1978, 13 as captain, along with 10 caps for the British and Irish Lions – while taking part in victorious tours of New Zealand in 1971 and South Africa in 1974.

In 2003, a Rugby World magazine poll named him as the greatest player of all time, and in 2007 he was awarded a CBE.

WRU president, Dennis Gethin, said: "Gareth Edwards fully deserves the honour of a Knighthood for the incredible contribution to rugby he has made both on and off the field.

"His reputation as a player is possibly unparalleled and since retiring from the game he has continued to be a powerful ambassador for rugby both in Wales and around the world. I had the privilege of playing in the same Cardiff team as Gareth and I am proud to regard him as a friend."

WRU chairman, Gareth Davies, added: "He epitomises the values of fair play and courage which are central to rugby and in his off the field career as a broadcaster and businessman he remains a great ambassador for our game.

"Everyone who knows Gareth regards him as a true gentleman who is always approachable, courteous and welcoming despite his towering reputation as one of rugby's true greats."

Doug John during his recent year of office as Mayor of Pencoed. *(Photo by Mandy Thomas.)*

Jean Schofield has been a stalwart of the Porthcawl fundraising branch of Kidney Research for many years – her involvement is personal too, 27 years ago she donated a kidney to her son.

Jean told The GEM: "We've had an active fundraising group in Porthcawl for 26 years now, and it has been wonderful to be a part of it.

"Membership is growing and new members bring new fundraising ideas. I really do see this award as honouring the group, rather than me."

She said that money raised goes to the Kidney Wales Foundation and to Cardiff and Morriston Hospital.

She added: "We ask the hospitals what they need and then see if we can supply it."

Coun Doug John has served on both Bridgend County Borough Council and Pencoed Town Council, and has been Mayor of both.

During his time as Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, he launched the successful 'Green Light Laser' appeal for a new machine to operate on men with benign prostate disease.

Welsh Government springs a surprise on council mergers

AFTER months of speculation in the light of the Williams Commission's plan to reduce the number of councils in Wales, the Welsh Government has surprised commentators with its own preferred two options, *writes PHILIP IRWIN*.

It plans to cut the number of councils by more than the commission suggested, and is looking to reduce the number from 22 to either eight or nine.

For the two councils in The GEM's circulation area, it's a case of 'as expected' for the Vale, but it's quite a surprise for Bridgend (BCBC).

While the Vale Council is expected to join with Cardiff, Bridgend is being lined up as part of a trio with Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) and Merthyr.

In effect, it is a return to the old pre-1995 boundaries, as the Vale and Cardiff become what used to be south Glamorgan, and BCBC, RCT and Merthyr go back to the old mid-Glamorgan set up.

However, speaking on Radio Wales, the former BCBC leader, Jeff Jones (now a local government consultant) said that the reorganisation was dependent on Labour winning a majority at next year's Assembly elections, as none of the opposition parties had shown any inclination to support these proposals.

He said that there was a potential for old resentments to resurface, as in South Glamorgan days, the Vale had felt squeezed out by the dominance of Cardiff, while in Mid-Glamorgan, Merthyr had felt that Bridgend had the dominant position.

From a purely monetary point of view, it appears that Vale council tax payers will benefit, as Cardiff sets a lower rate than the Vale, so presumably an equalling out exercise would see Vale rates fall and Cardiff rates rise.

From the same standpoint, Bridgend council tax payers look set to lose out, as BCBC sets the lowest rate of the trio, meaning that a similar levelling out would mean a council tax rise!

It makes no difference to the Vale or Bridgend whether the Welsh Government opts for eight or nine. Two north Wales authorities, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy and Denbighshire, and also Flintshire and Wrexham, would combine into one if the 'eight' option was taken.

Public Service Minister Leighton Andrews said: "The case for fewer local authorities in Wales is compelling and widely accepted. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity to reform and reshape our councils to drive funding into improving frontline services.

"I want to emphasise this is not a final decision. It is the next phase in our public debate. Following that, we will publish and consult on a draft 'Mergers and Reform' Bill in the autumn.

"This will include further, formal consultation on our proposals for local authority mergers and include a Regulatory Impact Assessment.

LDP is 'a sham' – *councillor*

A Dinas Powys councillor has told The GEM he believes the new LDP is little more than "a sham".

Chris Franks, Plaid Cymru, a Vale and community councillor, gave evidence before the Vale's environment committee on Tuesday evening, June 16, but said the meeting was a "missed opportunity".

He said: "It was very disappointing. It was an opportunity for the public to have its say on the LDP, but the only people there were from Dinas Powys, because we told them (about the meeting).

"I gave evidence and said that the community council took the LDP very seriously, and we were disappointed that the views of the community council had been ignored.

"We feel the LDP is a sham. It hasn't addressed traffic problems and public transport issues. We are also disappointed by the number of houses proposed – the numbers are guesswork."

Coun Steve Thomas, who also sits on Dinas Powys Community Council, was another who gave evidence

WINDOW FESTIVAL

ST PAUL'S, Pontyclun, hold its fourth Stained Glass Window Festival on June 28 (from 10.30am – 5pm) and June 29 (from 12 noon – 5pm).

The 'windows' will remain on display at St Paul's until Sunday, July 5 when Rev Sue will announce the first, second and third favourite 'stained glass window' at the morning service.

"All proceeds from the festival help to maintain St Paul's for the benefit of the village," she said.

Calls made for a Vale councillor to step down after 'betrayal of trust'

THERE have been calls for Vale councillor Rob Curtis to resign after he issued a statement last week confirming that he had pleaded guilty to a charge of common assault.

In his statement, Coun Curtis said that while working as a volunteer in west Wales, he had placed his hand on the leg of a woman, intending it as a "friendly gesture".

He went on to say that he had accepted the charge of common assault in the hope of "bringing this stressful matter to an end".

However, Coun Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru group leader on Barry Town Council, said: "Being a councillor, on the Vale Council or Barry Town Council, is a position of trust – and I believe he has betrayed that trust.

"I'm angry that he portrayed himself as some kind of victim of the judicial system in his 'public apology' published in the press.

"The only possible outcome is for Robert Curtis to resign as a councillor, and if the Labour Party allow him to continue to represent their party, then it undermines all of the work they have done in the Assembly on gender equality and ending violence against women."

Dennis Harkus of Barry also wrote to The GEM, expressing concerns. He said: "His self-referral to the Ombudsman may give the impression to some of a bold and noble gesture, but a referral to his voters would have been the more honourable thing to do".

WARD SURGERY

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery this Saturday (June 20) from 10am till 11am in the small community room of Barry Library Kings Square. No appointment is necessary.

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Many changes made quite recently with new planting – a garden in transition.

Opening information: Saturday, June 27 (11am - 5pm). Admission £4, child admitted free.

Visitors also welcome by arrangement March to October. Please enquire about price when booking.

Steve Barasi and Debbie Wilson; deborahwilson865@gmail.com.

Colwinston Village Gardens, Colwinston, Cowbridge, Glamorgan CF71 7NE.

Colwinston is a rural village of mixed developments with its beautiful 12th century church at its centre.

Visit six contrasting village gardens, from formal to cottage gardens and productive vegetable gardens. Several of the gardens have delightful south-facing views over the countryside.

Chapel Cottage has wonderful terraces of roses, geraniums and lavender.

Sycamore Hill's mature garden has extensive views.

Village Farmhouse – well laid-out cottage style garden with vegetable plot, pond and boules area.

The Old Parsonage consists of herbaceous borders and a vegetable plot.

Old School House is a mixed cottage garden with mature shrubs.

Plant sale. Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (2pm – 6pm). Combined admission £5, child admitted free. Home-made teas at Village Hall.

Llanedeyrn Primary School, Wellwood, Llanedeyrn, Cardiff, Glamorgan CF23 9JN.

The school garden has developed recently and we were delighted to win first prize in Cardiff in Bloom in 2014 and 2015.

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Rhydypenau Group, Fidlas Avenue, Cardiff, Glamorgan CF14 0NX.

Extensive school gardens attract visiting educators from both home and abroad.

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The gardens in this group are Rhydypenau Allotments and Rhydypenau Primary School.

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St Fagans Church Primary School, Drope Road, Cardiff, Glamorgan CF5 4SZ.

Pupils, parents and staff have worked together to develop The Secret Garden from a piece of wasteland to a stimulating learning environment and beautiful garden.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (1pm – 5pm). Admission £3, child admitted free. Home-made teas.

The future of Rhoose Library

THE Vale Council has decided to close several libraries in the Vale unless a community group comes forward with a bid to run the library on a voluntary basis.

Deadlines were set by the council for an 'Expression of Interest' to be submitted which I am pleased to confirm was submitted in time and accepted by the council. The next important phase is the drafting of a business plan for submission to the Vale by July 12 and while a great deal of work has already been done it is now essential that we consult the public.

There will be a public meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 23 at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. I am pleased with the progress made in such a short time but we now need the support of the people at our meeting to give their views of our draft business plan and ideas for the services that the Rhoose Community Library should provide.

Jeff James, Councillor for Rhoose

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The company has two training centres in south Wales, one at its head office at Sully Moors Road, and another one in Baglan, Port Talbot. It employs 25 people which includes registered instructors and administration staff.

'Listen to clients'

Deborah Boyle, the course development manager, recalled a recent example of the fast-moving nature of the business.

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ABOVE: Barry Training Services' instructor Graham received great feedback on the recent IOSH 'Managing Safely' course for Communitas which was delivered at TATA, Port Talbot.

Deborah added: "We are always happy to tailor courses to suit clients' needs."

The centres provide training with instructors, on-line courses and practical sessions providing actual 'hands-on' experience.

Barry Training Services even offers training in different languages and employs an accredited RTITB Polish instructor and admin assistant so it can organise courses in Polish.

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Barry Training Services publicising its services at The Welsh Business Show.

ABOVE: Hands-on experience in the giant warehouse which is divided into specific training areas and includes an asbestos training area, a 30 metre tunnel run and a lift shaft for 'confined space training'.

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Maria Battle, chair of Cardiff and Vale UHB, Richard Edwards, area commissioner Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Scouts Association; Jack Hardman, community liaison for the Scout Association, Jane Hutt, AM.

Scouts hand over £500 'treasure' to breast centre

THE Breast Centre at University Hospital Llandough (UHL) was handed a £500 windfall after local Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides took part in a sponsored Roman treasure ramble to raise money for the charity.

About 150 Scout and Guide personnel started their ramble from the ruins of the Roman fort on the Knap, Barry, along the Barry Heritage Trail and visited a number of places of interest along the way. At each stop there was a team challenge to complete.

Ms Hutt said: "It is wonderful to see the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides raising funds for the pioneering Breast Centre at Llandough Hospital.

"I felt very honoured to be invited to join them for the presentation.

"The contribution they have made to the charity will really help make a difference."

Merthyr Mawr WI hears a tale of Dyffryn

PRESIDENT Margaret Batten welcomed everyone to the June meeting. Unfortunately, the speaker for the evening was unavailable ---but luckily, member Gwerfil Gardner stepped into the breach.

Gwerfil gave an interesting talk about the history of Dyffryn House. There was a house, belonging to the Bishop of Llandaff, on the site as early as the 7th century. In Elizabethan times, the house was known as Cwrt Defaid and it became known as Dyffryn in the 18th century when it was sold to the Pryce family, who built a Georgian manor house on the site.

In 1891, the house passed into the hands of the Cory family. This family originated from Devon and were traders, moving goods between Cardiff, Devon and Ireland. The Cory family progressed from being traders to becoming shipping agents and then with the boom of Cardiff they became ship owners and colliery owners.

The family was also known for philanthropic work in the community. The house and estate were sold in the 1930s to Sir Cennydd Traherne, who really only wanted the estate and he offered the house and gardens to the county for educational purposes.

The house was then used for courses and conferences, but the fabric of the house fell into disrepair. The National Trust became involved with Dyffryn just over two years ago and it is gradually being restored.

Two members, Enid Connick and June Henry, were lucky to be chosen to go the recent garden party held at Buckingham Palace as part of the celebrations for the centenary of the WI.

The party was hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall, Princess Alexandra, The Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester.

They had a wonderful time, the fashions were lovely and the food was delicious.

Our ladies were extremely fortunate as they were singled out to be introduced to the Duchess of Gloucester.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, at 7pm in Ewenny Community Hall, new members are always welcome. **FC**

Sammy the spaniel saves dumped kittens

ON a day when cat owners are encouraged to pause and hug their pets, seven four-week-old kittens were dumped in a box on Maerdy Mountain.

Photo by Sue Dobbs.

Fortunately for them, Super Dog Sammy used his sniffing powers to alert his owners to their plight.

Sammy, a springer spaniel, was being walked by his owner Leanne Crockett and her father Steven when he made the discovery.

Mr Crockett said: "We were just walking on Maerdy Mountain when Sammy happened to come across the box; he would normally have left it alone, but on this occasion he stopped and started sniffing the box.

"We went over to investigate and discovered the kittens in the box."

The kittens were taken into the care of Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre. Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "The kittens were in good body condition but very frightened and some of them had flu symptoms.

"They are around four weeks old and far too young to be away from their mum. It was very fortunate that Sammy found them and alerted his owners. The kittens wouldn't have survived long without their mum in those temperatures.

"The kittens have been named Kisses, Snuggles, Cariad, Smooch, Hugs, Cuddles and Cwtch; they are being hand-reared and receiving 24 hr TLC by their fosterers.

"We would urge owners to get their pet cats neutered as they are such prolific breeders. Just one unneutered cat can produce up to 18 offspring in a year, so neutering will help to prevent more unwanted kittens like these in the future."

The appealing kittens will be made available for adoption. For assistance with neutering your cat, call Cats Protection helpline on 03000 12 12 12.

For advice about caring for a cat, or to offer a cat a home, call the centre on 01656 724396 or email bridgend @cats.org.uk ***SB***

NEWS IN BRIEF

ST Richard Gwyn fashion show takes place today, (Thursday, June 18) from 6pm-8pm.

Tickets, adults £2, children £1.50, are available on the door.

Entertainment and refreshments provided. All proceeds to Ty Hafan.

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on June 23 (10am to 12 midday) at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are over 50 and are worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, chat to a legal team based in Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

The park is open... and Jurassic World is a thrills 'n' spills blockbuster ride!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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IN 1993, *Jurassic Park* genuinely blew people's minds. Steven Spielberg's blockbuster was an incredible film full of fun, fear and spectacle, and found plenty of love from audiences around the world.

Spielberg went darker with 1997's *The Lost World*, a film that has its moments, before a third entry, directed by Joe Johnson, hit cinema screens in 2001, lacking the magic and sparkle of previous outings and making less than half of *The Lost World's* box office.

A fourth outing has been oft-mooted but until now has remained on the backburner, with *Jurassic World* finally hitting cinema screens.

Isla Nublar (the island from the first film) is now a fully-functioning park, headed by operations manager Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) and dinosaur trainer Owen (Chris Pratt), who has managed to form a relationship with the dreaded velociraptors.

All is going well at the park, until a dinosaur that has been genetically spliced together, known as the Indominus Rex, and intended to boost attendance levels, gets loose – and as the danger level in the park rises, Claire's nephews (Nick Robinson and Ty Simpkins) get caught up in the deadly events and Nick and his team are sent on a rescue operation...

Stepping into the shoes of Steven Spielberg is a tough enough task, but when it comes to making a further instalment of the *Jurassic Park* franchise, then those shoes are T-Rex-sized. Arguably both Spielberg and Joe Johnson struggled to match the epic scale of the first film, so with Colin Trevorrow (director of only one film before this, indie time-traveller *Safety Not Guaranteed*) the latest to try his hand, the question is has he succeeded?

The answer is, in the main, yes; showing an ambition and confidence belying his inexperience, Trevorrow has crafted a film that is very much in thrall to that first outing, but stands on its own two feet as a thrilling and thoroughly entertaining popcorn blockbuster.

Things have changed since 1993, in terms of effects and also in terms of people's expectations of blockbusters; what was jaw-dropping then, is easily considered run-of-the-mill now, and it's something that *Jurassic World* references several times, whether it's audiences becoming blasé about seeing dinosaurs roaming the earth and the park looking for bigger and more exciting attractions, or kids being caught up in their smartphones rather than taking in the spectacle the park has to offer.

It means that this time around, there is work to be done to try and persuade audiences, yet also to satisfy the numerous fans that the franchise has, something the film takes great pains to address and they run that tightrope very well, even if it sometimes harks back a little too much at times.

The main 'story beats' (children whose parents are getting divorced get lost in the park, adults with child intimacy issues, company men with nefarious schemes) all feel fully realised thanks to the first film, while several set-pieces, although cleverly nodding to the first film, feel a little too familiar.

Also there are some plot points (one ruminating on the idea of velociraptors being used as a surrogate armed forces) that don't quite work that well in the overall scheme of things.

However, to concentrate on this does Trevorrow and company a great disservice, as this is patently a passion project for the director, and one he handles with aplomb. He shows a wonderful ability to meld CGI and real animatronics together, creating a world that is both spectacular and also realistic, while the film has the look and feel of Spielberg's original offering but without slavishly copying it.

The new addition to the dinosaur villains' gallery, the Indominus Rex, is suitably violent and deadly (perhaps the key reason for the 12A certificate), a fearsome amalgamation of several animals and dinosaurs that is less an attraction and more a lean, mean killing machine.

The human characters feel a little two-dimensional, yet imbued with character by the performers, so Chris Pratt's stoically heroic man of action, Bryce Dallas Howard's uptight manager, and Ty Simpkins and Nick Robinson's wide-eyed youngster and phone-obsessed teenager respectively, are all given extra shades thanks to the performers.

As summer blockbusters go, *Jurassic World* is an assured, wildly-entertaining thrill ride of a film, overseen by a director whose first shot at the big leagues is a success – the whiff of nostalgia is more than prevalent, but when it comes to this franchise, what's not to love about that?

VERDICT: A shot of nostalgia but a thrill ride on its own terms, *Jurassic World* is an entertaining blockbuster that's difficult not to enjoy. Treading the line between offering something fresh and exciting, and harking back to the franchise's best moments, this is a strong offering. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Jurassic Park*

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D883:

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, June 24 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

On Thursday, June 25 at 10am, 'Round and About!', starting at the Merrie Harrier, Llandough, CF64 2NY.

Slow food group is launched at St Fagans

THE new South East Wales Slow Food Group was launched at St Fagans Museum on Saturday by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She was joined by Vale businesses at the event, including, Barnaby Hibbert, chef patron The Gallery Restaurant in Barry (and vice chair of the South East Wales Slow Food Committee) and Rolant Tomos and Rob Lilford-Micro Brewers Tomos a Lilford, Llantwit Major.

She commented: "I was very pleased to launch the South East Wales Slow Food group- it was an extremely informative and enlightening event and I congratulate all those involved. Slow Food's emphasis on nutritious and healthy food from local sources is entirely compatible with the Welsh Government's Food and Drink Action Plan goals and I am delighted that we now have a local Slow Food Group for south east Wales."

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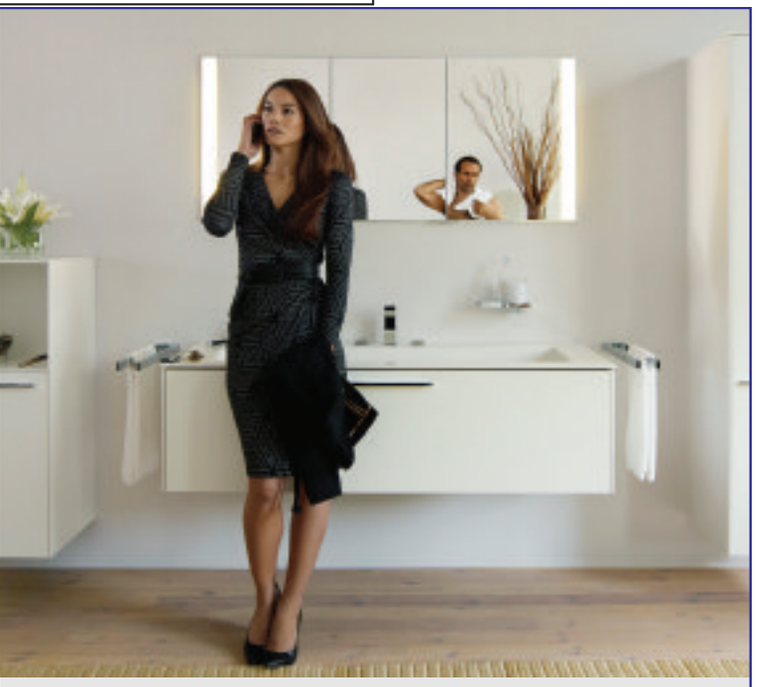

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Festival of Transport proves a huge hit as classic cars and buses delight the punters!

CARDIFF Transport Preservation Group restores heritage buses in Barry, and organised another popular Festival of Transport with record classic cars and other vehicles.

Over 300 cars were expected and the day before the show, the Ford Fanatics' Car Club pleaded to come along adding a further 30!

A couple of old magnificent commercial vehicles also came, joining the 106 Field Company REME Army Reserve with one of their huge eight-wheel drive recovery vehicles.

Buses came from Gloucester, West Midlands and Swansea, boosting the Barry heritage bus collection on display.

Mike Taylor said: "I can only thank the Classic Car people with their support this year, they almost overwhelmed us with something in the order of 330 visiting vehicles, we must now be one of the biggest shows of this type in Wales. The Vale Council staff did a sterling job in helping us on the day too."

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Marathon walk to raise funds for disability centre

A MARATHON walk will take place later this month to raise money for a Vale day centre for people with disabilities.

Two years ago, a walking group was set up at the Scope Skills Centre in Sully, as part of the Vale Fit 4 Wales programme.

The group meets every Tuesday and is made up of 10-12 clients from Scope and three more from supported living, together with support staff.

Last May the group completed a half-marathon walk, which took place over five consecutive days and raised £1,200 for the centre.

Now the walkers are stepping up the challenge – by taking part in a full marathon over six days.

It starts on Monday, June 22, and, with a rest day on the Wednesday, will finish the following Tuesday, June 30.

Joanne Pedrick, ABMU physiotherapy technical instructor working in the Vale learning disabilities community support team and is involved with the Scope centre, explained:

"As with last year, we will walk a different route each day. On the final day the route will be at Barry Island where all service users, family, friends, support staff and the health team will be invited to cheer the group across the finishing line.

"The walk is a sponsored event and we hope to beat the amount raised last year. The money raised will go to the Scope Skills Centre and used to improve the day centre for the service users."

Joanne said the walking group, formed in May 2013, had gone from strength to strength: "Through the weekly walks, the group members have really built up their confidence by being out in the community.

"They have all gained a social network of friends and they have developed many independent skills."

If anyone would like to sponsor the walkers, email joanne.pedrick@wales.nhs.uk.

Mongolian yurts – Llynfi's best-kept tourism secret!

The Cwm Tawel holiday centre.

SHADOW Welsh Tourism Minister Suzy Davies has praised one of the Llynfi Valley's "best kept secrets" – a holiday centre at Lletty Brongu, where visitors stay in Mongolian yurts!

The Cwm Tawel holiday centre was set up by residents of Bryn Terrace in Llety Brongu, who jointly own and run it as a co-operative social enterprise.

The village has had communal allotments for some time but four years ago, they decided to branch out into providing holiday accommodation.

The centre's only employee is Phil Williams – all the other workers, including his wife Sandra, are volunteers. After the group had their initial idea, they set about importing four Mongolian yurts more usually seen on the vast steppes of their home country.

Phil said: "Initially, we were going to have tipis, but we did some research and realised that the yurts would be better."

The site was leased from local farmers, Irene and Eiryl Garfield, who have been totally supportive of the plan. After planning permission was obtained, the team set about erecting the yurts – each with its own decking and barbecue area plus a communal round house where the holidaymakers can gather in the evening to socialise and cook in the special oven built of stone.

But the site also boasts a wooden building where a kitchen is located, with its own Rayburn, plus a range of microwaves, kettles, refrigerators and the like.

Next door is a shower block and a series of earth toilets. And there's also a hot tub heated by a wood boiler. All of this was built by Phil and the volunteers.

The Tory regional AM for South Wales West was very impressed with the entire development: "This is a wonderful concept," she said. "The location is fabulous with beautiful views of surrounding countryside.

"It's a great place to just get away from everything but it is also close enough to Llangynwyd, where the visitors can pop into the local pubs for a meal or a drink and also get what they need in local shops. So it brings money into the area and everyone benefits."

Some of the volunteers are on placement from employment agencies and are taught a variety of skills, including dry stone walling, hedging, wood carving, fencing and gardening.

The centre has a poly tunnel, where the volunteers grow a variety of food stuffs which is on sale to the guests. Craft courses are also available for them.

Guests have come from as far afield as Canada and Australia while others have travelled just a few miles to stay. Each yurt sleeps five people.

Suzy added: "This is a prime example of how a group of people committed to a great idea and made it a success for themselves and the local economy. It has been meticulously planned and executed.

"This is the sort of innovative tourism that Wales needs – something that shows Wales can be about the unexpected as well as the warm welcome."

WIs have a royal appointment!

LADIES from Glamorgan Federation of WIs were looking forward to a royal garden party.

On June 2, a special garden party took place in the grounds of Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Wales, England and the Channel Islands.

One hundred and fifty four excited members from 83 Glamorgan institutes donned their best outfits and headed to London to join 8,000 WI members.

The Duchess of Cornwall, who was joined by the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester, hosted the party.

Although the weather was not kind in the morning, the sun came out at just the right time and spirits were high. Everyone savoured the amazing atmosphere, the delicious tea and meeting others from all over the country.

Some members even chatted to the royal party. A wonderful occasion, which will be talked about and remembered for a very long time!

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HEALTH STAFF HAVE A WORK OUT AT WORK DAY

HEALTH staff were encouraged to 'Work Out at Work' on June 12 to improve their health and wellbeing in the workplace.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board hosted a number of events at the University Hospital of Wales, University Hospital Llandough (UHL) and Barry Hospital sites to mark the campaign.

A spokesperson reported: "The day came at the right time as staff got to be among the first to try out the new outdoor fitness suite recently installed at UHL. The six equipment machines have been provided to increase health and wellbeing as well as free access to fitness for staff, patients and visitors.

"The outdoor equipment at the hospital has been designed specifically for public open spaces and is suitable for adults of all ages."

Staff were also encouraged to 'get on their bikes' and contribute to cycling 100km, make a smoothie in the canteen, join in with group fitness classes and seek advice on musculoskeletal problems from the physiotherapy team.

Simone Joslyn, clinical project lead at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "Health and wellbeing is important in the workplace and Work Out At Work day not only acts to encourage people to take part in the day's activities but to showcase what activities they have on their doorstep to improve their health and fitness.

"We hope that rather than it be a one-off, staff will feel inspired to make positive and active changes to their lifestyles to improve their overall wellbeing."

SOS – 'Save Our Salmon' plea to all Welsh anglers

Salmon fisherman at work.

ANGLERS are being urgently asked to help conserve fish stocks – by agreeing to release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch in 2015.

Natural Resources Wales made the plea this week following reports that salmon numbers in Welsh rivers seriously declined last year and while sea trout numbers were more variable with some rivers performing well, others are showing continuing decline.

"As part of efforts to address this, NRW would like to see anglers release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch to ensure more fish migrate upstream to spawn and produce more juvenile fish to help boost stocks," a spokesperson said.

At present, an average of 78 per cent of salmon and sea trout are released after being caught. Figures from the Wye and Taff, where mandatory 100 per cent catch and release byelaws are in place, suggest that catch and release can have a positive effect on fish stocks.

Both the Wye and Taff have shown an improvement in salmon numbers in 2014 and are now predicted to move out of the 'at risk' category by 2019 thanks to a combination of catch and release and improvements in habitat and water quality.

Fish stocks in a total of 23 salmon and 27 sea trout rivers are assessed annually in Wales and placed in risk categories.

The assessments based on 2014 figures show 23 salmon rivers either 'at risk' ,or 'probably at risk'.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2015

1. NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 32,33 & 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the effect of which is to amend parking charges at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. These amended charges shall come into effect from **Monday 13th July 2015**

The following Traffic Regulation Orders is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2014

PROPOSED CAR PARK CHANGING AND ENFORCEMENT

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Dated this 18th day of June 2015

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA.

HISTORY WALKS ARE A FEATURE OF FESTIVAL

Keeper of the Valley' at Maeste Welfare Park.

STARTING this Saturday, the Love2Walk Festival (June 20 – 28) will invite walkers of all ages and abilities to pick up some historic tales as they clock up the miles.

The annual walking festival, which is organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in partnership with the Local Access Forum and a team of volunteers, calls on residents to lace up their walking boots or trainers to enjoy a week-long programme of walks that range in difficulty.

Many of this year's walks centre on the Bridgend Nature Keepers – a series of interactive sculptures that can be found in some of Bridgend county borough's most beautiful parks and beauty spots.

Each of the 14 sculptures has a story to tell about local history and nature which can be uncovered when you download the 'Dare to Discover' app for your smartphone or tablet, so walkers will be able to discover more about sites such as Parc Calon Lan in Blaengarw, Aber Fields in Nantymoel, and Wilderness Lake in Porthcawl.

Other festival highlights include a four-mile history walk around Coity Castle on Saturday, June 20 which will be led by a knowledgeable local guide, an evening bat walk at Bryngarw Country Park on Tuesday, June 23, and a *Gruffalo* story walk for children on Saturday, June 27.

All walks are free of charge, although some require advance booking. For full details about all of the walks, visit www.love2walk.co.uk.

Rain stops Cowbridge first XI

AMAZINGLY, Cowbridge's 1st XI played some cricket on Saturday, a day better suited to whatever indoor occupation took your fancy!

The 1st XI travelled to the pretty and well kept but small ground at Drefach in Carmarthenshire.

In a nutshell the home side scored 218-9 and then it rained.

No further play was possible, the game was abandoned and the 1sts came home. Only points for the abandonment we allocated.

The Drefach wickets were claimed by Skipper Neil Brand, Rian Thomas and the returning Rene Regis, all getting two with Tom Merilaht and Joe Russell getting one each.

Darren van der Vyver was at his splendid best behind the sticks bagging a run out and a stumping.

It is academic to speculate it Cowbridge would have succeeded in chasing the win but given the way they have been batting this year a bookie would have made them favourites.

Frustratingly league leaders Bronwydd actually beat Pontyberem in the same corner of Wales to strengthen their position with Cowbridge still second.

That the 1st XI are not leading is due to Bronwydd having had better luck with the weather, completing two more games than Cowbridge.

The 1st XI are at home this Saturday to Pwll, the Burry Port based side.

The 2nd XI had no chance of cricket and their game was abandoned suitably early.

The club sends it's congratulations to skipper Neil Brand who led the Cardiff MCCU to the MCCU's two-day Championship by winning at Cambridge last week. Cardiff also qualified for the Challenge Final to be played at Lords on June 23.

The MCCU is an MCC funded scheme that provides six university centres with first class coaching and competition. Indeed 22 per cent of all England qualified first class cricketers have been through the scheme.

Former Cowbridge players Tom Warner and Phil Harris are graduates, the coach is Mark O'Leary who has also played at the club and the club president, Jeffrey Bird, is hoping his 11 year stint as the MCC's Mentor to the Cardiff MCCU will draw to a close on a successful note against Leeds/Bradford, alma mata of former skipper Tom Merilaht.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 15, the first round of the club championship:

1st Tony Disley & Phil Felman 62.04%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 60.88%, 3rd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 59.72%. **LE**

MP admires the fascinating artefacts of St Canna's

Alun Cairns MP, Gareth Williams and members of the Friends of St Canna group.

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, joined the committee of St Canna's church in Llangan at an open day to mark the recent building improvements, and view registers and artefacts detailing hundreds of years of history in the village.

The records will be managed by a newly-launched group, Friends of St Canna, based at the church.

The MP admired the "beautifully restored church" and "fascinating" archaeological work in the church grounds.

Countdown to biggest Vale Show yet!

ORGANISERS have already started the countdown to the Vale Show at Fonmon Castle on Wednesday, August 12.

The show is the highlight of the Vale summer and the 2015 show is set to be "the biggest yet" with a huge variety of attractions for all the family to enjoy.

The main ring entertainment at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show will be the Broke FMX freestyle motocross stunt show. The performance will bring the UK's top ranked freestyle motocross riders to the Vale, performing their heart-stopping aerial tricks.

Visitors to the family show will be able to meet the stunt riders and have a close look at the bikes before and after the acrobatic stunt show

A spokeswoman said: "There is so much for families to see and do in an action-packed day at the Vale Show… see the livestock in the grand parade, tour the showground on the road train, catch the Punch and Judy show, enjoy the delicious Welsh food in the food court and browse over 250 trade stands. There really is something for everyone.

"For the first time, you can buy early-bird tickets at a reduced price via the show website www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk. For further information, ring 07513 141698. Come and have a fun-filled family day at the show on Wednesday, August 12 at Fonmon Castle, near Barry."

Heartstopping aerial tricks...

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2015

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (MANNAU PARCIO ODDI AR Y STRYD)

1. HYSBYSIR trwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adrannau 32, 33 a 35 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984, a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn. Effaith y gorchymyn hwnnw fydd newid taliadau parcio yn y mannau a nodwyd yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Bydd y taliadau diwygiedig hyn yn dod i rym o **Ddydd Llyn 13Gorffennaf 2015** ymlaen.

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Something afoot in Porthcawl!

by **Carwyn Jones**, AM for Bridgend and First Minister

THERE are plans afoot for Porthcawl again! After more than a decade of disappointment, frustration and sheer bad luck, there are now proposals for redeveloping the Salt Lake car park.

This builds on the work that's been done in the harbour and the plans for the Jennings Building and port area. It seems the new plans include residential and leisure use, as well as a new health centre, which the town will welcome.

We've not yet seen any detail on the plan, and it's not clear what sort of leisure facility it would be and who will pay for it, but it's a start.

It seems a serious proposal and I'm looking forward to seeing more about it in the next few weeks.

Who would you take advice from if you wanted to invest your money? Well, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be the last person you'd want to see.

Last week he announced that he is going to sell the UK Government's shares in the Royal Bank of Scotland at a loss of £7 billion. That's enough to run the Welsh NHS for a year.

There are serious questions about why he wants to do this and why the taxpayer has to take this loss. Surely it would be better to wait until the bank is in a stronger position and sell the shares at a profit?

I suspect that he is short of money to pay for the manifesto pledges that David Cameron made at the general election and needs to have a fire sale. It's a shame that all of us will have to take the loss.

Cardiff Airport goes from strength to strength. Those who've been there will see the improvements that have been made so that the airport no longer looks under siege and the terminal building is far more welcoming.

We've also seen Flybe base aircraft there and are offering more than 12 routes, which is the most significant boost the airport has had for 10 years.

Yet the Welsh Conservatives are still willing it to fail, all because it's Welsh Government owned. They didn't want us to save it, and you get the impression that they would have been happy to see a housing estate at Rhoose and the British Airways base gone.

We decided that the airport was important and when it was offered to the Welsh Government at a realistic price, we bought it. In time, we'll look to get a private investor in, but for now, it's doing well.

I for one would never have wanted to see it disappear, and it's good to see that all those who work at the airport and the surrounding area are being rewarded for their hard work over the years.

WEST END STAR TO HELP TAKE 'CARE' OF PUKKA PRODUCTIONS

Vivien Care (second back left) with 'PUKKA Potential'.

PUKKA Productions welcomed their new patron, Vivien Care, to their Saturday morning Theatre School last week.

She is course leader and founder of the MA Musical Theatre Course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Originally from Penarth, Vivien trained at the Welsh College of Music and Drama, and then at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where she received the prestigious Mary Hammond Prize.

Since then, she has sustained a busy and varied career in musical theatre, concert, recording, TV and radio, including West End roles in *Les Miserables* and *The Sound of Music*.

Vivien lives in Barry and was keen to become involved with the arts in the local community. PUKKA is a long established Theatre School for ages three to adult and is run entirely for the benefit of its members, their families and the community.

Vivien said: "I was genuinely delighted to be asked to become PUKKA's new patron, as I just love the enthusiasm and energy of everyone involved. There's a brilliant sense of community and positive encouragement and I'm so happy to be able to use my professional experience to contribute in any way I can."

PUKKA are putting on a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the Paget Rooms, Penarth from July 29 to August 1. Tickets are £15 and include cabaret seating and complimentary champagne and programme. The Friday and Saturday evening performances are already sold out but tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are still available from Sarah on 07917 400674.

Contact PUKKA at pukkaproductionsbarry @yahoo.co.uk.

Make it happen with Cardiff and Vale college

CARDIFF and Vale College is one of the largest colleges in the country, with more than 20,000 people learning with the college each year.

With a wealth of courses and an excellent success rate of 86 per cent – one of the best in the further education sector – they help students stand out from the crowd, gain employment and achieve their goals.

Education inspector Estyn placed Cardiff and Vale College in the top quartile of colleges in the country, and many students go on to win national awards. Some 78 per cent of learners have progressed on to further learning, university or employment.

One of the college's many success stories is Connor Marks, a

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hairdressing and barbering apprentice who has just set up his own salon in Barry.

Connor says: "I wouldn't have got here without all of the help I received from the college. You can do anything with a college like Cardiff and Vale College."

Spaces on the college's courses are filling up fast, but there is still time to apply. Interested in making a difference to your life?

Training for a new career or improving your prospects in your current job? Then make an application now or come along to the next Open Day and see what CAVC can do for you.

For full details, visit www.cavc.ac.uk/openday

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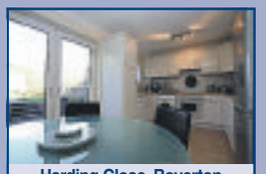

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Barry legend Bengt Berndtsson has died

BY ASHLEY COX

Bengt Berndtsson.

ONE of the most dazzling and decorated footballers ever to represent the town of Barry passed away recently, at the age of 82.

Bengt Berndtsson died suddenly on Thursday evening (June 4), shortly after watching his beloved IFK Gothenburg (for whom he made 599 appearances) earn a 1-0 win against opponents Elfsborg.

Affectionately known as 'Fölet' (or 'the Foal') in his native Sweden, winger Berndtsson was part of an influx of Scandinavian stars brought to Barry by former Town chairman John Bailey.

Winning the first of 29 full international caps in 1956 against an England team that included Manchester United star Duncan Edwards, Berndtsson had been part of the Sweden squad that reached the final of the 1958 World Cup on home soil, featuring in the group stage match against Wales.

It was mere months later, in early 1959, that Bailey and manager Harry Haslam pulled off their astonishing coup: signing Berndtsson, in the prime of his career, to a loan deal at Barry Town.

Bailey had maintained business interests in the country for some time, using his connections to bring IFK Stockholm to Barry for two friendlies and to organise a six-match tour of Sweden for the Town side.

The subsequent signing of Berndtsson would catch the imagination of the Barry public and a sizeable crowd came to Jenner Park on February 21, 1959 to witness the first of his 20-plus appearances, a 1-1 draw against Wellington Town.

He was described as "an extremely clever footballer" who "thrilled the Jenner Park crowd with some wonderful touches".

Scoring his first Barry goal in the 2-0 win at Bath City the following Saturday, Berndtsson would open his account at Jenner Park in the 3-1 victory over Lovells Athletic, a fortnight after his debut.

Only weeks after making the scoresheet in a Welsh League fixture against Brecon Corries, Berndtsson helped Sweden to victory over Portugal in front of a hometown crowd of 44,000 in Gothenburg.

Continuing his success on the international stage, Berndtsson would also play in October's 3-2 win over England at Wembley; a match watched by some 80,000 spectators.

By this time, Berndtsson had resumed his club career with IFK Gothenburg, but he would make a remarkable return to Barry for a second spell in 1961.

Described as "a firm favourite" by reporter Clive Phillips, he would later play in the 1962 European Championships, featuring in the tournament win over neighbours Norway and ending his international career with five goals to his credit.

Reflecting on his time at Jenner Park, Barry club historian Jeff McInery remarked that Berndtsson's value today may well have exceeded the £10 million mark.

Continuing his lifelong love for football, the sprightly Swede remained actively involved with IFK Gothenburg until his untimely passing, training with the club's 'old boys' each weekend and lacing up the boots for veterans action well into his senior years.

Indeed, such was his level of health that his passing stunned the Gothenburg community when reported.

Held in the highest of regards, longtime friend Tomas Granbom recalled that Berndtsson "enjoyed his time with Barry Town," and echoed the consensus of those close to him, calling the European Cup footballer and World Cup silver medallist "pure class" and "a gentleman" to match.

"The world be better if everyone could be like him."

Who wants to build what, and where?

Cerys Hodson, Natural Resources Wales – **Dunraven Bay Beach, access slipway** – Repairs to existing slipway at Dunraven Bay.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc – **NatWest, 2 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Remove existing teller line to open up banking hall. Install new non-structural partitions to form an automation wall. Removal of back office to increase size of banking hall. No change of use. New external ATM and signage to be installed.

Mr Emanueal Vavoulas – **6 Cold Knap Way, Barry** – Proposed alterations and extensions – to subdivide property to form three and four bedroom semi-detached dwelling with on-site car parking.

Mr Richard Leonard – **36 Robinswood Crescent, Penarth** – Removal of condition 2 of Planning Permission 2014/00954/FUL relating to pedestrian barrier.

Mrs M Jenkins – **6 Wenallt, 22 Elm Grove Road, Dinas Powys** – Demolition of kitchen and conservatory. Proposed kitchen and dining room to ground floor, additional bedroom with en-suite to first floor.

Ms Lynne Milligan – **100 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Demolish existing ground floor rear annexe and outbuildings. Construct new extended and remodelled single storey rear annexe.

Bellway Homes – **Land south of Old Port Road/A4050 roundabout, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – Retention of two flagpoles and stand-alone sales board.

KS SPV27 Ltd – **Cwm Derwyn Farm, Weycock Road, Barry** – Construction of solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure.

Mr David Jeynes – **10 Rockrose Way, Cogan Penarth** – Ground and first floor extension.

Messrs Phil Pook and Deborah Haines – **Plot 4, Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore By Sea** – New five bedroom house with single garage.

Mr M Rees – **Heol Gerrig Farm, jct Ruthin to jct Moonhill via St Mary Hill** – Barn conversion, access and curtilage.

Mr and Mrs John Stevenson – **3 Meliden Road, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.

Ocean Community Services Ltd – **88 Windsor Road, Penarth** – Demolition of existing lean-to extension and replacement with new single storey extension that wraps around south east and south west rear elevations.

Miss Caroline Murray – **Min Y Traeth, 28 Craig yr Eos Road, Ogmore By Sea** – Proposed extension and alterations to provide full first floor accommodation, comprising four bedrooms and living space.

Mr and Mrs Nick Turner – **7 Maughan Terrace, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr and Mrs RF Crookes – **The Vines, Llanbethery** – Single storey side/rear extension and external alterations.

Andrew James – **Woodlands Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow** – Steel portal framed building.

Mr Andrew Graveson – **78 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – Attic conversion with dormer and rooflights.

Mr Peter Harris – **214 Gladstone Road, Barry** – Single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr Simon Evans – **48 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Replace existing windows.

Mrs Andrea Pace – **4 Vale View Close, Llandough, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Colin Riley – **32 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Provision of ten photovoltaic panels to the rear of the property.

Mr M Kay and Miss S Powell – **The Sages, Colwinston** – Construction of new garage.

Mr Alexander Goodson – **Pen y Bryn, Llanmaes** – Conversion of existing barns into a single dwelling. (Change to planning permission 2012/00941/FUL granted for the conversion of the existing barns into two dwellings).

Mr and Mrs P Lougher – **South of B4265 and south west of Seaview, St Athan** – Proposed replacement farm house.

Mr Andrew Evans – **Plot 3, Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore By Sea** – New build three bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage.

Mr Robert Penrose – **7 Oyster Bend, Sully** – Demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with brick walled/tiled roof building of exactly the same dimensions and profile to be used as new kitchen.

Mr David Jones – **Sunnycroft, College Street, Llantwit Major** – Retention of garage and car port.

Mr IA Morgan – **Brookfield Stables, off Groes Faen Road, Peterston Super Ely** – Stable block.

Mr and Mrs Michael Kemp – **Rushmoor House, St Mary Church** – Demolition of existing sub-standard dwelling and erection of new four bedroom dwelling, triple garage and stable block.

STAR BEN JOINS HOCKEY CLUB AS PLAYER / COACH

PENARTH Hockey Club has received a major boost ahead of the 2015-16 season with the acquisition of former Wales international Ben Croxall as its new player-coach.

Already a club renowned for producing internationals in youth and veteran age groups over the years, Penarth HC hopes that Croxall's arrival will boost standards and achievements at all levels.

His record speaks for itself - 10 years at the very highest level of UK club hockey with both Whitchurch and Cardiff & Met saw him play a vital role in landing a string of European, Welsh and league titles, while, on the international scene, he represented Wales at senior level on no fewer than 36 occasions, with highlights including medals in both the European indoor and outdoor championships, as well as playing in the World Cup qualifiers in New Zealand.

Croxall has also represented, captained and coached the Welsh mixed hockey team at different times over the last eight years, and further enhanced his coaching reputation with two victorious spells in charge of the Welsh Universities side, as well as league and cup honours with Cardiff University's mens and women's teams – a level of success he now hopes to bring to his new venture.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to join Penarth HC as player/coach," Croxall said. "Penarth HC is a great club with a lot of history as one of the top teams in south Wales, and there are exciting times ahead as the club will be returning 'home' in 2015 with a new pitch at Stanwell school, just a stone's throw from its club house.

"I know that Penarth has a talented group of players, and I am looking forward to working with them. Our goal this season has to be promotion at all levels and my role will be to oversee the coaching set-up of what is now three senior men's teams, as well as helping to build the youth section.

"Penarth has a great reputation as a cultivator of young hockey talent and we want to provide local children of all ages with the opportunity to learn and develop their skills.

"Some great work has already been done by the club and I look forward to working with the current group of committed and enthusiastic coaches to take things to the next level."

Installing an experienced coach is another step towards Penarth HC's '20/20 vision', and chairman Nick Pratt is delighted to welcome Croxall to the Vale's only men's hockey club.

"Ben's arrival as player-coach is a great fillip for a club looking to go places in the next five years," Pratt said. "We have big plans for hockey at all levels at Penarth and the provision of class coaching can only help achieve that aim, both now and for the future.

"Returning to a home pitch in Penarth is another essential piece of the puzzle and I hope that Ben's arrival as player-coach and the move to playing at Stanwell can have an inspiring effect on the already loyal and hard-working members of the club."

On the field, Penarth's next competitive outing comes at veteran level in this weekend's national masters tournament in Swansea (June 20-21).

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training currently takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL

Centurions' friendly loss

WITH both the 1st and 2nd XI league matches rained off on Saturday, Sully Centurions had to wait until the Sunday friendly at near neighbours Barry Wanderers to play some cricket.

Centurions batted first and lost some early wickets before Shae Ellis came to the crease.

His unbeaten 66 was the highlight of the Sully innings, but there was very little else to write home about and the innings came to close with the score on 144.

After a nice tea Wanderers set about chasing the modest total. Both openers looked comfortable and found the boundary many times. In spite of a rapid rotation of bowlers, Centurions couldn't make the breakthrough and the hosts reached the target with plenty of overs to spare.

The game was played in an excellent spirit, with both sides enjoying the cricket and exchanging some good banter.

Barry Wanderers 146-0, Sully Centurions 144 all out.

WEEKEND TEAMS

Saturday, 1st XI (away V Brecon) meet at ground at 10.30am - L Bruce, Q Ferdouz, S Singh, B Spear, S Shokeen, A Kulkarni, S Ellis, T Davies, O Sullivan, P Chaudharry, J Haswell.

2nd XI (home v Dinas Powys II) meet at ground at 11.45am - (from) DW Sylvester, R Griffett, I Thomas, L Pyke, G Hicks, E Fiddler, M Burnett, L Burnett, J Wooden, J Bryan, S Morse, P Harrison.

Sunday, friendly (TBC) contact Dave Sylvester with your availability.

MF

Excellent wins for Millwood teams

MILLWOOD 'A' travelled up to Ynysybwl to play in the division 7 game, and came away with an excellent win, even though they were one player short on two of the four rinks!

Playing in slightly damp/wet conditions, both teams played to the best of their efforts and in the end Millwood 'A' came away from there with an overall score of 90 shots to 76.

I have been informed that the points total scored was Millwood 'A' 12, Ynysybwl 'A' 2, therefore that being the case, Millwood 'A' have also won three out of three games played. Well done 'A' side, keep up the noble effort.

Millwood 'A' team's next game is home to Llantwit Major 'A' on June 20.

With this 80-62 win against Rumney, Millwood notched up their third win out of three played in the Division 4 game played on the Millwood green.

Millwood came away with a 80-62 shot win.

After the fifth end Millwood had taken a six shot lead at 17 shots to 11, which increased by another three shots after the 10th end to lead at 35-25.

Upon completing the 15th end, Rumney had chiselled away to only trail by six shots at 53-46.

Going into the last quarter of the match, Millwood put their foot on the pedal to finish with the win.

Again this result hinged a lot on rink three (skipped by K. Davies) winning by a very healthy 17 shots, but every player again played an important part in this win, for which Millwood gained a very healthy 10 points to 4 win.

The club side have a bye this weekend due to Wattstown being no longer in the division; the next game is against Thomastown on June 27 at home.

JH

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Wanderers win against Sully

WITH another Saturday washed out, it was down to the Barry Wanderers Sunday XI to provide the cricketing action this weekend.

The Sunday team were on the road to redemption following a heavy defeat the week prior against Westbury On Severn.

This week's guests were local rivals Sully Centurions. BWCC lost the toss and were put in to field with a damp wicket which was still drying out.

Sam Harris opened and as early as the third over he took the scalp of the skipper Tom Davies, caught at point by Alun Wade. Moggy at the other end kept things extremely tight and was rewarded with two further wickets early on, both caught at mid off by Blundell. Harris had a further wicket caught by Darragh, and Moggy cleaned bowled Thomas for a duck and Sully were reeling at 35-5.

Following this great start, Shae Ellis came to the fore and he looked to up the runs at a rate of knots, dispatching change bowler Ian Ford and young Luke Grant; Grant managed to get the wicket of Hicks before drinks, and Sully were 75-6.

After drinks Kunal had a few overs and toiled to no avail.

At the other end Wade's bowling was being dispatched by Ellis, although he was dropped by Darragh.

The next opportunity came two balls later where Emma Davies chipped one to mid wicket, but Darragh decided to run past it which left the viewing public in disbelief!

Sully went to 125-8 and finished 144 all out.

The Wanderers went out to bat and were soon 102-0 off 18.

That was until disaster struck and Kunal retired which brought Alun Wade in at 3. While Wade was watchful, Blundell decided to get on with matters and bring the game home. He strolled past 50 with nonchalant ease, following that up with two big sixes.

Wade got himself in comfortably. With a cheeky chip over cover and to finish the game a flick off the pads to square leg, the game was done and the Wanderers won by 10 wickets.

The Glenbrook Inn man of the match went to Neil Blundell.

AF

JSTKD shine at championships!

IT was another successful outing for Vale based JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness at the recent Welsh Open Tae Kwon Do Championships.

There was a double celebration taking place with not only excellent results from the squad but also in welcoming back team captain, Hannah Hunt, who had returned from the USA to lead her teammates in the tournament.

Hannah moved to Florida with her family 18 months ago but has kept in close touch, following the continued success of the club and encouraging her friends via Facebook.

However, this time Hannah was able to offer first hand support during her visit. Recently attaining her Black Belt 2nd Dan, Hannah attended all the specific pre-tournament training sessions to help everyone sharpen their technique and then resumed her place as captain on the day.

The team certainly didn't let her down and were in fine form from the word go - both junior and adult members pulled out all the stops to bring home the medals.

First on for the adults were Nathan MacIver and Chris Edwards, both competing in the Men's Blue Belt division. Nathan literally 'rose' to the challenge, facing a much taller opponent with a formidable reach.

Undaunted, he kept his cool and thanks to some clever manoeuvring came away with the silver.

Meanwhile, Chris was proving equally troublesome to his rival and claimed the bronze.

For the ladies, Lynne Doel was also determined to come away with a result and stood her ground to take the bronze in the Blue Belt contest.

Over in the junior categories, new team member Jessica Doogue put in a great performance to win silver in the Tiny Tots Yellow Belt event with big sister Emily also sparring well in her division.

Another new team member, Ronnie Sevillano, showed off his skills to great effect and took the bronze in the Boys Green Belt Middleweight division.

Teammates Finlay Valvo and Gabe Wilfred were unlucky to be drawn against each other in the Boys Blue Belt Lightweight event. Both sparred well but it was Finlay who advanced into the quarter finals.

Another teammate, Ethan Bugg, also fought alongside them and was narrowly beaten to a place in the other quarter final.

In the Boys Black Belt Cadets, Alan Li yet again turned in an inspired performance, displaying not only some fearsome kicks but also great athleticism to clinch his first silver of the day with the second coming later in the Black Belt Cadets Tag Team contest.

Teammates Rhys Doel, Menna Burmingham, Dylan Howe, Zac Bowmen, Josh and Sean Edwards and Brogan and Callaghan Leary also showed great commitment on the day in both patterns and sparring, but just missed out on the medals this time around.

To try Tae Kwon Do for yourself, please visit www.jstkd.co.uk for full class details.

VW

Local archers aim for the top!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Archery Club sent a small but talented team to the Welsh & Open Field Championships which were held near Lampeter on June 13/14.

Despite entering a team of just four archers, the local club still managed to shine, with every archer returning with a medal.

With rainfall fluctuating between light and torrential during round one, and with the courses being rated four out of five on difficulty, even the most experienced archers found this year's championship to be one of the most challenging for some years.

In the Ladies Recurve division, the club's chairperson, Teresa Goodwin, led from the front, tackling the challenges of the elements and the shots, delivering a career best performance to land the title for the second year running.

It was a similar story in the Gents Recurve division, where the experience of three time world champion Mathew Symmonds showed as he coasted to his 10th successive championship title.

Meanwhile, newcomer Stephen Harrison showed great promise with a second placed finish in his first outing at the national championships.

The team's only junior, Ieuan Graham, was hot favourite to defend the Junior Barebow Recurve title that he won last year - and he did not disappoint, returning strong scores despite the difficult conditions to complete a successful defence.

In the team event, the Llantwit Major team were hot favourites but in the event they were pipped to the gold by a single point, beaten by an all junior team from Bridgend-based club, Blandy Jenkins Archers.

The Llantwit Major archers will next be in action in mid-July where they will line up for Wales at the UK & Ireland Field Archery Championships at Waterford, Ireland.

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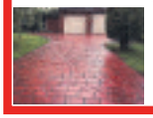

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William (Bill)

(Previously of Church Hill Close, Llanblethian)

Died on Thursday 11th June at Hilltop Hall Nursing Home, Stockport, Cheshire.

Funeral service on 25th June at Stockport Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to St Ann's Hospice, St Ann's Road North, Heald Green, SK8 3SZ.

All further enquiries to Ben Lloyd Funeral Directors, 0161 485 3135.

AP RHYS
Maldwyn

On June 5, 2015, suddenly at home, aged 96 years, Maldwyn of Cowbridge. The beloved husband of the late Jenny, much loved uncle of Leanne and a dear friend of Llinos and Steven.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, June 22 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Will friends please accept this intimation and meet at the Crematorium.

All enquiries to Byron Thomas, Funeral Director, Brian Thomas Funeral Service. Tel: 01656 668967.

Moore-Haines

Doreen and Stephen Moore-Haines, retired licensees of the Traherne Arms.

Doreen sadly passed away on May 19, aged 87 years, in the University Hospital of Wales, and Stephen sadly passed away on June 8, aged 94 years, at Llandough Hospital.

Very much and wonderfully loved and missed by their three daughters, Anne, Sue and Sally, much loved in-laws Brian, Nelly, Helen and Johnny. Sadly missed by their three grandchildren Paul, Becky and Jessey, great-grandchildren Katie, Jack and Emily.

Doreen and Stephen will be greatly missed by all their family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, June 23 at 11am, afterwards to Barry Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the service for either the British Heart Foundation or Bridgend Dogs Trust.

It was Doreen's wish that ladies do not wear black at her funeral.

PHILLIPS
Phyllis Marjorie *(née Hume)*

Peacefully on June 8 at the UHW, aged 80 years. Much loved wife of the late Albert William. Loving mother to Ceri and Glyn, and mother-in-law to Nancey. A loving, wonderful nan to Samantha, Tom, Hollie, Adam and Ryan and a cherished sister.

Phyllis will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends.

She will be resting at Rumney Funeral Home prior to the service, to be held on Tuesday, June 23 at Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant Chapel) at 2.15pm. Floral tributes welcome.

All enquiries to Rumney Funeral Home, 792 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4FH, 02920 797516.

NEVENS
David

Mary, Roger and Edward would like to thank everyone for attending David's funeral service and for the many cards and kind messages received and for the donations made to Prostate Cymru.

Special thanks to Velindre and Princess of Wales Hospitals, the Cowbridge & Vale Medical Practice and the Cowbridge District Nurses for their care and dedication.

Thanks also to Rev David Boult and William James & Sons, Funeral Directors, whose professional services were much appreciated.

YARROW
Keith

Rose and Wendy would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and staff of Ward 2, Princess of Wales Hospital for their kindness and compassion, and for the sympathy cards and flowers received at this sad time.

We would like to thank Heather the Minister for the lovely service and also thanks to Thomas Brothers, Funeral Directors, for their support and help.

TAPSCOTT
Barbara

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on June 9, Barbs of Pontypridd Road, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Trevor, much loved mother of David, Lyndon, Howard and Helen, mother-in-law of Sue, Jan, Marlene and Tim. Adored grandmother to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her funeral service in the chapel on Thursday, June 25 at 12 noon, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu to the Alzheimers Society, Oldwell Court, Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 5DA.

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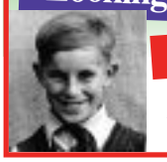
Happy 90th Birthday
Mrs Valerie June Drennan

Wishing our dear sister a very happy 90th birthday on Monday, 22 June.
Love from Hazel, Gren & Dee xxx

JOHN SARTAIN (SATCH)
Looking good at 70!



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BARRY VETS VISIT FRENCH FIELDS!

"WHAT GOES ON TOUR, STAYS ON TOUR!"

BARRY veterans travelled to Beauvais, France on our annual pilgrimage for the 10th anniversary of the Tournoi to celebrate the life of Jean Paul Cheron on Saturday, May 30.

With only a few training sessions behind them, the vets travelled over more in hope than confidence of defending the winner's trophy from last year.

As always we had some newcomers and the weekend was the richer for the addition of mature vets Offy Scott and Steve Griffiths along with a few middle aged players.

This year's tour theme was aptly 'Tour to France' cycling regalia and there were some lovely and unforgettable sights on the journey over. We were greeted with traditional French hospitality on arrival with 'olde' friendships being reunited.

The usual revelries on the Friday night and slight confusion with the coach driver, resulted in a different warm up for the start of the Tournoi on the Saturday morning.

Chairman of selectors Paul Delaney chose a strong team to start. Sensibly against a good French team the backs were utilised perfectly by No 9 Dimond and Barry cruised to a comfortable victory.

Phillips, Williams and Provis combined beautifully after the Barry pack had won good ball. However, in the next two games, ill-discipline and some bizarre refereeing decisions resulted in a 1-0 loss and then a keenly fought 1-1 draw with our new friends Bretigny 'Beti Bixkor'.

The sheer look of confusion/amazement on the new players faces, as we kicked off and 'Bixkor' players all did the dying fly impressions will be etched on many memories. Luckily the new players saw the funny side and restarted the game - a draw was a fair result.

Barry competed well in a feisty contest against Laon but were beaten 1-0 and their defence of the title was out of reach.

Lunch came at the perfect time as batteries were running low. It was a fitting tribute as always with Beauvais that a photo shoot with all the participating teams was arranged. This demonstrated the camaraderie of vets rugby with the usual rugby songs being shared.

Barry ended the day as they started with better distribution of the ball to the backs, utilising their speed and spaces.

Barry won the first game quite comfortably against Houilles but had to demonstrate excellent defence to hold out for a 1-0 win in their last game against the eventual runners-up Plaisir in the 'Tournoi'.

Mention must be made of the 17 squad members who were still standing to play the last two games.

Congratulations to Clermont Senlis who won the Tournoi - keep it safe for next year as Barry will be back to challenge for the trophy!

Another successful tour was had by all and thanks to organising committee of Knapman, Pritchard and Tanner. As always thanks go out to Beauvais, Patrick, Yannick and Guy for once again organising a successful Tournoi.

Special thanks to Pat Jones for her usual buffet on the somewhat lengthy return journey on a malfunctioning coach - until next time 'au revoir et bon chance'.

AM

Rising Sun students impress!

Spencer and Lee Bennett.

THE summer season has really kicked off for the Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate club.

Brothers Sensei Lee and Sempai Spencer Bennett got back into their stride and competed on the same bill for the first time since 2010. The brothers competed in the English Open full contact karate event.

Other members of the club, Paul Stephens and Des Brown, were selected to represent Team Wales in a home international against Ireland at the village hotel.

First on the bill was Sensei Lee Bennett's eagerly awaited comeback fight on British soil and it went ahead against a strong seasoned English opponent.

Lee's years of combat experience showed throughout the bout, showing the crowd some spectacular high kicks, almost knocking his opponent out within the first minute.

The bout went the maximum of three extensions, with Lee showing superior fitness in the final third of the fight gaining a unanimous decision. A well-earned third place was earned by Lee on a very experienced fight card.

Lee was unable to compete in the next round of the tournament due to a pulled calf muscle he sustained during training for the event, but was pleased to place third overall after a three year break from competition.

Sempai Spencer Bennett placed second after going up against two very capable opponents, first battling Cardiff's Lewis Harry over three consecutive rounds and taking a unanimous decision.

The final was against international and world class opponent Dawid Ozga. The previous bout looked like it had taken its toll on Wales' number one full contact fighter, yet he only just missed out on the win by split decision over four hard fought rounds, the award for first place slipping through his fingers by a home English decision, although the blow of defeat was softened by the judges awarding Spencer best spirited fighter of the tournament.

Paul Stephens.

On Saturday, June 6, Paul Stephens and Des Brown were selected for Wales to compete in the Wales vs Ireland international event at the village hotel in Cardiff.

Both fighters had trained hard for this leading up to the event, and to be eligible for selection the fighters had to attend hard Welsh squad sessions. The night was packed full of home and travelling fans.

Des Brown's task was to fight an experienced Irish heavyweight fighter. Des began to overpower his opponent in first round, but all judges gave it a draw. The second round saw the Irish fighter began to take control of the fight with Des slowly falling behind in the fight.

A final 20 second push at the end of the second round gave Des one last chance to swing the fight into his favour, but the end result was two flags to Wales and three to Ireland.

Paul Stephens was the last fight of the night, and he came out of the blocks with some punishing liver punches and strong low kicks. The fight was pushed into overtime with Paul winning the bout by a split decision.

Overall Team Wales won the event, and 2016 will see Team Wales travel to Ireland to try and retain their title.

The club is constantly looking for new talent within the community and aim to give students the chance to see the world with the clubs top class international instructors.

The Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate Club train at the Barry Island Community Centre Mondays and Wednesdays between 6pm-9pm - anyone interested in joining the club contact Sensei Lee on 07811 110368. **SB**

Island Marine hold football festival

RECENTLY, the Island Marine FC held their third annual football festival at the Barry Comprehensive playing fields.

After weeks of planning and with over 550 players from 50 teams and 21 different clubs, including Inter Penarth, Sudbrook Cricket & FC, FC Barry, Treorchy Boys Club, Cardiff Crusaders, Park Lions, Rhoose FC, Sudbrook Girls FC, Sully Sports, Ely Rangers, Penydarren Boys & Girls, Cogan, Lisvane, Porthcawl Town, SB Frankfort AFC, Bridgend Street, Pontyclun FC, Llanrumney FC, Cowbridge Town, Porthkerry Pumas and Island Marine, it was time to put all the hard work into action and bring the festival to life.

With volunteers up early to prepare, the morning saw the under-6s, 7s and 11s enjoy a great morning of football. It was the first time that the Island Marine under-6s' had played in a football festival, wearing their new kits which arrived the day before - it was great to see the next generation of IMFC players take to the field.

With only an hour to prepare for the afternoon, it wasn't long before teams from under-8s, 9s and 10s were arriving to get the afternoon's festival underway. SB Frankfort AFC travelled all the way from Plymouth to take part and a big thanks to Adam Williams, players, coaches and parents for making the long journey to south Wales.

There was a phenomenal turnout for the Island Marine's recent football festival.

The afternoon was another brilliant success with players enjoying playing football in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The festival was again organised brilliantly thanks to the hard work of Richard Belby and Sian Blackmore, who prepare months in advance to ensure that everyone who attends the festival has the best experience.

Thanks must also go to the volunteers who helped to mark out pitches, set up goals, collect litter and control the car parking, the ladies who added colour to the festival with their hair spraying talents and to Barry Comprehensive for allowing us to host the festival at the school.

The biggest thanks must go to the players, coaches, parents and supporters who made the festival a success by competing, supporting and playing football in the right spirit and just enjoying the day. **NO**

Finals go Ray's way!

JUNE 12 saw this year's league cup final take place, with the top two teams in the league facing each other.

The Cwm Talwg had a relatively comfortable 6-1 win over the Poachers, despite Ray Way hitting a 102 out shot in his game. Congratulations to the Cwm Talwg on winning the cup.

On the previous Friday, the league singles were held at the Cadoxton Cons. Despite a slightly disappointing turnout, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The final was a repeat of last year's, with Ray Way facing Dave Davies. Once again Ray came out on top, beating Dave 4-1 to win the title again. **RL**

Ray Way - the winner of the singles final.

The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 9:

1st Peter Millar & Jane Brook 70.31%; 2nd Mike Close & Mark Roderick 63.54%; 3rd Hilary Laurence & Vivien Liles 56.77%. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address. **DR**

MUNRO CUP LOSS FOR CADOXTON BOWLERS

THE rink skipped by Gordon Davies, in this Munro cup game at home to Central, started well against Ted Hudd with a 5-1 lead.

However, only one end during the next nine, brought success. This left them too far behind despite winning the last four ends.

Don Kuhnell skipped against Ken Tanner and the two new players for Central belied their innovation to outshine the Cadoxton front players. This advantage led the way for a comprehensive away success.

K Chedgzoy's rink trailed 9-3 against Tom Goddard, but a '4' on the next end started a winning run, to remove the deficit, and lead 16-9. Unfortunately, with two ends left the advantage had been wiped out at 16-16. Although scoring a single on the next, the home side went down when conceding two on the last end.

The only rink to finish in Cadoxton's favour was skipped by John Jones. They steadily built up a lead with all four players sharing the scoring shots. This stopped when the score reached 13-6, and the opposition gradually pulled back, winning the remaining ends except for a '3' near the end, which decided the outcome.

Scores: R Byrne, D Fanning, I Robertson, G Davies 13-16 C Ditchburn, D Brewer, O David, E Hudd; S Clements, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 16-13 S Downes, J Hawkins, J Eathes, D Goddard; I Heppenstall, A Field, J Ferguson, K Chedgzoy 17-18 G Young, G Carstairs, T Caged, T Goddard; J Stacey, G Powell, S Clarke, D Kuhnell 8-23 G Castle, G. Goldthorpe, L Tanner, K Tanner. Final score: 54-70.

CADOXTON V CAERPHILLY SOCIAL – CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Caerphilly for their second league match, hoping to add to their winning start last week.

Unfortunately for the home side, they were three players short so had to play with three triples and a four.

Don Kuhnell's rink was always in control against the 'four', with Steve Clarke continuing his good form at lead, and well assisted by the second, Jamie Ferguson. This left only the occasional need for Derek Brook to reclaim the head, and the skip to have an easy afternoon.

Gordon Davies started well again on his rink, with an 8-3 lead, but it was whittled down to 9-9.

A '2' regained an advantage, but a '4' against took it away once more. Although a further '3' was scored, four of the final five ends were lost.

Roy Harding's rink more than covered this defeat. They took full advantage of the extra bowls to score regularly, and had domination throughout the match, for this comprehensive result.

John Jones struggled in the early stages of his match, with his rink failing to score during the first four ends, to trail 7-0. Four shots were scored in the next two ends, but this was followed with four further fruitless ends.

The second half of the game produced a good recovery when shots were conceded on just two further ends, which enabled the advantage to change for the first time on the penultimate end. A '2' on the last end ensured another success.

Scores: J Stacey, A Prince, L Davies, J Jones 20-17; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy, R Harding 23-10; R Byrne, L Adams, I Robertson, G Davies 15-20; S Clarke, J Ferguson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 21-11. Final score: 79-58.

CADOXTON V WINDSOR – MUNRO CUP

Cadoxton managed just one winning rink in this Munro Cup Match at Windsor; this was skipped by Derek Brook against Eddie Thorne.

It was a close match with the score level on 6, 8 and 9. A '3' on the next gave the visitors an advantage. Two singles each on the remaining ends held onto the lead.

Gordon Davies conceded a '6' during the opening ends on his rink against Tony Holmes, and never managed to recover and was comprehensively defeated.

John Jones skipped his rink against Ken McLeod and also dropped a '6' to go 8-0 down after two ends. This resulted in another heavy defeat.

Kelvin Chedgzoy was matched against opposing skip Maurice Hope and this was a much closer affair. During the early stages the home side held the upper hand and lead 14-5 after 11 ends.

A '4' started the fight back and with two ends remaining the scores were level. Unfortunately the recovery was ended with two '2's against.

Scores: R Byrne, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries, G Davies 7-32 A Morgan, C Barton, P Gunter, T Holmes; J Stacey, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 11-23 M Matthews, P Gooding, R Hudson, K McLeod; S Clements, R Morris, J Ferguson, K Chedgzoy 15-19 C Lewis, A Woodcock, S Close, M Hope; S Clarke, A Field, I Robertson, D Brook 14-11 D Davies, A Dudley, B Rogers, E Thorne. Final score: 47-85.

CADOXTON V LLANTRISANT – CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Llantrisant full of confidence after winning their first two matches. However on a rainy afternoon their hopes were shattered.

Don Kuhnell's rink started well with a 7-0 lead, but with the two front players failing to master the conditions, the home side took full advantage by winning the next 14 ends, amassing 28 shots.

The next end broke the run when Derek Brook trailed the jack to 3 back woods to make four, and with the luxury of holding shot, at last, the achievement was increased to a six with two further added by Don. Unfortunately, this success was too late to matter.

Meanwhile, Howard Craven skipped his rink to a 17-3 lead by the 11th end and looked certain of a win. This was not the case as the opposition took over by winning nine of the final ends, to win by one shot.

Gordon Davies's rink also found the conditions difficult and they trailed 18-4 after 13 ends. There was a welcome recovery after this with 12 further shots added while conceding 4 in the remaining ends.

Roy Harding started well when his rink reached a lead of 8-3. Four losing ends left them three shots behind, which they recovered on the next end, only to drop behind again.

On the 18th end another '3' gave them a one shot lead. Two singles against left a one shot deficit going into the final end. During this end the shot changed sides on numerous occasions before Roy drew the shot to tie and collect the only point from the 14 available.

Scores: J Stacey, L Davies, J Jones, H Craven 19-20; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy, R Harding 18-18; R Byrne, L Adams, D Jeffries, G Davies 16-22; S Clarke, I Robertson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 14-31. Final score: 67-91.

CADOXTON 'A' V RUMNEY – CML7

The last two Saturday fixtures of Cadoxton 'A' side played with three players short against Rumney and Splott Phoenix, at home, with an expected defeat in both.

Hopefully the 'hospital' list will improve shortly and a full competitive team can be fielded. If there is anyone looking for a regular Saturday afternoon game, they would be welcome.

DK

Vale pupils join to show 'racism the red card'

THE Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) campaign has continued its campaign to educate young people in the Vale about racism.

Over the past year they have given 35 workshops in 29 schools and six youth clubs. The sessions focused on various issues around racism, stereotyping and terminology.

Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism charity whose aim is to raise awareness amongst young people about racism in society.

They make use of the powerful position of professional footballers and other sports stars as role models to deliver important messages about racism.

They have received a positive response from the teachers and pupils who have been involved in their sessions with one attendee saying: "The workshop shows how it makes people feel when you use the wrong term for their colour, culture or religion."

Pupils from Evenlode Primary School attended an event at the Cardiff City Stadium. They took part in an anti-racism workshop in the morning which strengthened their understanding of the topic before taking part in a role play press conference in the afternoon.

Pupils acted as journalists and posed questions to a panel of current and ex-Cardiff City players.

A similar event took place with pupils from Llanilltud Fawr Primary School at the Cardiff Arms Park. Pupils who posed the best questions were awarded with tickets to a Cardiff Blues match and a SRtRC goodie bag.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible services and leisure, said: "Racism in all sport must be stamped out. I support all of the initiatives with schools and children that help us to achieve this aim."

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Duration of the agreement	37 months
Mileage per annum	6,000
Excess mileage charge	14.9p per mile

Hyundai i20 1.2 SE 5dr

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Customer Deposit	£1,500.00
Hyundai Contribution	£750.00
Amount of Credit	£10,475.00
Interest	£1,579.75
Total Charge for credit	£1,579.75
Interest rate (fixed for the duration of the agreement)	3.04%
Representative	5.9% APR
42 monthly payments of	£175.00
Final payment (Guaranteed future value - GFV)	£4,704.75
Total amount payable	£14,304.75
Duration of the agreement	43 months
Mileage per annum	6,000
Excess mileage charge	14.9p per mile

Hyundai ix35 1.7 SE

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Hyundai Contribution	£1,750.00
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The Barry Sea Cadets prosper in competition

NOT only did Barry Sea Cadets host the South Wales District annual canoeing competition on Barry Docks on Sunday, June 7, but they emerged as the overall winners of the event.

Barry Sea Cadets have been training hard under civilian instructor Teilo Richardson, who qualified as a canoe instructor last year.

They were, however, disappointed when the district training scheduled for Saturday was called off due to high winds.

Despite this they went on, during the competition on Sunday, to win five out of the eight events and take the overall prize by two points.

Prizes were presented by Lt Cmdr Stephen Daniels RNR who congratulated all of the cadets, many of whom will now go on to represent south Wales at the area canoeing competition in Bristol Docks.

PO Dean Crapnell Commanding Officer of the Barry Sea Cadet Unit said: "We had a fantastic result today, showing the excellent training done by CI Richardson. Special mention must go to Cadet Platts who persevered in the marathon event and came a very creditable second, inspiring the whole team. They all did really well."

Barry Sea Cadets parade on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and are currently looking for volunteers who can help with delivering activities for young people; they can be contacted by e-mail at barryseacadets@gmail.com.

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Congratulations champ! VIP ADMIRERS ARE IN LEE'S CORNER

FOLLOWING Lee Selby's open-top bus tour through Barry on June 6, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, joined the Vale Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barry town in the Mayor's parlour, to personally congratulate him.

Selby beat Evgeny Gradovich on May 30 to win the title at London's O2 Arena and Jane Hutt said: "It was fantastic to meet Lee and congratulate him on his incredible sporting success – Barry is very proud."

Lee is pictured here with Jane Hutt AM, Coun Charlotte Williams (Deputy Mayor of Barry town) and Coun Fred Johnson, Vale Mayor.

Hectic Week for World Champion Selby

THE new champ was also congratulated by the MP, Alun Cairns, who welcomed him to Parliament.

Mr Cairns invited Lee and his team for a tour of Parliament. The champ also met the Secretary of State for Wales, Stephen Crabb, during his visit.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to have been able to welcome Lee and his team to Westminster. He is a great, yet humble, champion who has made everyone in Barry and the Vale incredibly proud."

BARRY YACHT CLUB ADDS TROPHY TO COLLECTION!

BARRY Yacht Club Sea Rowers secured another trophy at Aberaeron on Sunday, 7 June.

The strong winds which had been blowing all day Saturday thankfully dropped away for the races on Sunday.

The conditions were still fairly challenging and much concentration was needed to make sure the oar was actually in the water!

Aberaeron made a perfect setting with the picturesque harbour behind and an uninterrupted view of the races out to sea.

The men's 3.5 mile event was the first race of the day. Barry Sea Rowers continued their winning streak taking the mens' Supervets Trophy in a time of 39 mins, 56 seconds, four minutes behind the winners from Aberystwyth.

Trophy delight for our local rowers!

The last race of the day, the mixed event, was very competitive with all positions keenly fought. Barry Sea Rowers, with two regular crew of Christine and Sarah, joined by new rowers Bill and Ian, rowed brilliantly to finish 13th out of 20 in a time of 37mins 29 seconds.

A big thank you to Jane, who coxed both races and made sure we all kept up the pace.

With the next race at Llangrannog only two weeks away there is plenty of opportunity for those who wish to get a place in a boat.

If you'd like to have a go at sea rowing then come down to the Barry Yacht Club Open Day at 12.30pm on Saturday, June 27.

For more information, e m a i l : rowingsection@barryyachtclub.co.uk.

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German golfers visit Vale

A group of 11 golfers from the Black Forest region of southern Germany recently visited one of the Vale's best known restaurants, Illtud 216 in Llantwit Major.

They were here for a week, playing some of Wales' best known courses such as Celtic Manor, Royal Porthcawl Machynys and the two Vale courses at Hensol where they stayed.

The connection they have with this area started 25 years ago when golf professional John Hastings, who is now teaching at St Andrew's Major golf club, worked at Baden-Baden Golf Club where some of them were members.

The club, which has always had a tradition of employing British professionals, was where Wolfgang Furler, who organized the trip to Wales, met John and became one of his pupils.

As his passion for golf increased his thoughts turned to building his own golf course which was realised a few years later and now boasts a membership of over 800 golfers.

This project was financed in part due to his extremely successful paper producing family business which started almost 200 years ago. Today it is a world-wide operation with over 2,000 employees.

Enjoying a meal at Illtuds 216.

Wolfgang's father Dr Hans Furler was the company's lawyer and went on to become a very prominent politician in Germany and later became President of the European Parliament Assembly in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

As a regular visitor to Illtud's 216, John knew the group would be offered food of the highest standard and as George, the owner and chef, hails from Austria he could speak with them all in his native tongue!

They were all very impressed with Llantwit Major as a town and found the history especially of the church and surrounding area fascinating.

"The golf courses we played have been truly magnificent and everyone have been so friendly," said Wolfgang. "We will be going back to Germany with a very positive impression of the Vale and all it has to offer both golf-wise and culturally – even the weather was kind to us with sunshine during the whole week!" he added.

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OGMORE'S NICK HANGS UP HIS RIDING BOOTS

NICK Williams of the Ogmore Pony Trekking Centre, who is fast approaching his 30th birthday, has decided to hang up his race riding boots.

Likeable Nick, who has ridden 168 point-to-point winners and a further 44 under rules, and once had a spell as assistant trainer to Llancarfan's Evan Williams (no relation) said: "I was working all the week at Dad's pony trekking centre and race riding at weekends which meant that I didn't see much of my wife Louise and son Theo."

Nick, younger brother of former National Hunt jockey Christian, is a former Welsh champion rider and just as in the case of his brother, The GEM has followed and reported on his successes ever since he rode his first winner.

This was on *Rimpton Boy* at Lark Hill in 2002 and some GEM readers will remember Nick scoring on his father's *Touch and Pass* when he first began riding in point-to-points. Of all the winners he has ridden, Nick says that win was a special one for him.

On one memorable evening he booted home three winners at the Cheltenham Hunter Chase meeting and it was on one of these winners, *Tordoff Express*, that he won the once prestigious Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford in 2004. Christian had won the race in 2002 on *Primaticcio*.

He won the Welsh Grand National Point-To-Point at the Pentyrch Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on two occasions, the first in 2011 on prolific winner *Findlays Find* and the second the following year, 2012, on *Dear Villez* and he had a big following at Welsh point-to-point meetings.

Nick, who was a great judge of racing pace, will not be lost to the sport as he will be taking in horses for pre-training as well as training a few himself.

So if there is anyone out there who is thinking of buying a horse for point-to-pointing then you will find him at the Ogmore Pony Trekking Centre.

TIM SAVES BOOKIES

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan put a smile on the bookies' faces at Fontwell Park last week when his *Tachbury*, racing for the first in nearly a year, beat *Knockyoursocksoff* by a length and a quarter.

The reason being that *Knockyoursocksoff* was the subject of a huge gamble being backed from 10-1 to 13-8 favourite.

Tachbury was ridden by Richard Johnson and David Williams, of Ladbrokes Bookmakers, said: "Phew, that's a relief! That would have made for a moody Tuesday, thank goodness for Dickie Johnson."

FLINT'S WELCOME WINNER

Bridgend's John Flint had a welcome winner last Thursday at Uttoxeter when his eight-year-old *Taroum* romped home a 20-1 winner of the handicap hurdle race.

Partnered by Mr Flint's son Rhys, Taroum won by nine lengths from *DanceInToTheLight*.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR TIM

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan won the Aintree Golf Driving Range Novices' Hurdle last week with his eight-year-old *Lamool*, a course and distance winner which came home 11 lengths ahead of *Oculist*.

Lamool, the oldest horse in the race, was ridden by Richard Johnson and was an odds-on favourite.

Welsh trainers Dai Burchell, Grace Harris and Roger Charlton all saddled winners at Chepstow.

Burchell scored with 5-1 shot *Prim And Proper*, Harris with 7-2 chance *Living Leader* and Charlton with 4-1 chance *Captain Marmalade*.

While at Newton Abbot Burchell also took the opener with *Fuse Wire* and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn won with *Pandorica*, which was ridden by his grandson Robbie Williams.

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Spirited and brave Wales take gigantic step towards Euro 2016 qualification

THE build-up to Wales' encounter with Belgium at the Cardiff City Stadium on Friday night was prefaced with much talk about it being one of the biggest games in the history of the national side.

While the enormity of the fixture could not be doubted (and a sell-out crowd attested to that), the truth is that this Belgian test was another step up the ladder for a team who had, thus far in their qualifying campaign for next year's European Championships, impressed and surprised in equal measure.

Belgium arrived on the back of being named the second best side in the world via the FIFA world ranking system, but with a squad weakened by skipper Vincent Kompany's suspension and Marouane Fellaini missing through injury.

Add to that Eden Hazard's assertion that, on the back of his adventures for club and country, he was feeling tired, and the scene was set for a night where maybe, just maybe, the stars would align for another famous Welsh victory.

That those stars aligned was as a result of a professional, disciplined performance by the Welsh team, particularly in defence, as the Belgians struggled to find a way through a rearguard action marshalled by imperious captain Ashley Williams, but with James Chester, Chris Gunter (moved from his usual right-back position to centre-back), Ashley Richards and Neil Taylor pushing their bodies to the limit to keep out the seeming never-ending stream of Belgian attacks.

It was a nervy opening 20 minutes or so from Wales, who seemed to allow Belgium to dictate the pace and tempo of the game, with danger man Hazard, as well as Kevin De Bruyne, getting on the ball a little too regularly for Coleman's liking.

However, buoyed by a sellout crowd of 33,000 fans, creating an atmosphere not seen since the heady days of Wales' Euro 2004 qualifying campaign, when Wales put Italy to the sword, the men in red soon battled their way back into the game.

On the 25 minute mark Gareth Bale (winning his 50th cap) was quickest to react to Nainggolan's weak back header, and controlled the ball with his chest before calmly dispatching it through Thibaut Courtois' legs to give Wales the lead.

This goal not only sent the crowd wild, but gave renewed optimism and confidence to the Welsh, and Hal Robson-Kanu (whose hard work alone up front deserves mention) should have done better with the goal at his mercy after Ramsay's effort was saved by Courtois.

The game ebbed and flowed after that, in a match that was high in tempo and spirit but low in quality, with the Welsh rearguard nullifying the attempts of Hazard and De Bruyne to get Belgium back in the game.

When their constant pressure came to naught, and the final whistle was blown to exultant scenes, Wales celebrated a victory that solidified their position in the box seat of Group B, moving three points clear of their visitors, and, more importantly, five points clear of third place Israel with four games remaining.

It is also worth noting that this win should not only see Wales enter the top 10 of the FIFA rankings next month, but also put them into the top seeds when the draw is made for the World Cup qualifying groups, meaning the Welsh should avoid the big guns.

This result marked Wales' best start to a qualifying campaign, with four wins and two draws in their opening six games, but it would be churlish to consider the job done, not least with tricky trips to Cyprus and Bosnia to come.

But with Israel and Andorra having to visit Cardiff, Coleman's team have their fate very much in their own hands.

There were some negatives, most notably Aaron Ramsay's inability to get a foothold on the game and cause the problems he is more than capable of creating, while Coleman has instilled a greater level of quality in the team's play that went unseen on Friday.

But in a way it is fitting that style was very much overshadowed by substance as Wales battled their way to what may be the pivotal result in their hopes of heading to France next summer.

The comment of 'brave Wales' used to be a balm to soothe the wounds of defeats where we put up a strong fight before being dispatched by our opponents; yet after Friday night's exertions it can now apply to our ability to face our opponents head-on and grind out results, a facet that has been sorely lacking in the national team for a long time.

We'll know more after September's double-header against Cyprus and Israel, but on the evidence of Friday, the dream is edging ever-closer to reality.

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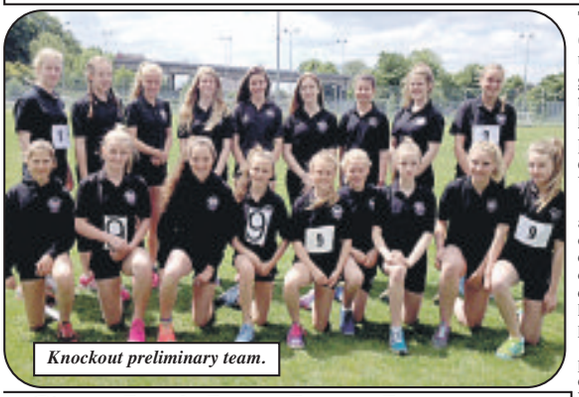
Cowbridge Comprehensive sports round-up



Knockout preliminary team.

Cowbridge bowls news

THERE are good games, those we wish to remember - and some that we wish to forget.

The men had two such games last week both at home. In its Munro Cup game against Barry Athletic on Wednesday the result was in doubt until the last ends. There was only a one shot difference on three of the rinks. Victory was secured for Cowbridge on Bob Penn's rink by six shots.

Rink scores: Ron Frayling, Len Taylor,Clive Pritchard and Bob Penn (skip) 17-11; Gerry Lloyd, Ron Woolford, Brian Kent and Byron Richards (skip) 19-20; John Hunt, Rob Lewis,Guy Morton and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 16-15; Mansel Davey, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Alan Wallace (skip) 12-13. Match score - Cowbridge 64, Barry Athletic 59, a game to remember!

The game best forgotten was last Saturday's league game. Visitors Treharris were a man short but they adapted well to our playing surface that was wet from the constant drizzle. We did win on one rink but that was against the team with a man short.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, John Jones, Brian Williams and Roger Barwick (skip) 10-28; Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson, Clive Pritchard and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 8-28; Mansel Davey, Brian Kent, Michael Bradley and Bob Penn (skip) 23-16; Len Taylor, Peter Launder, John Trott and Byron Richards (skip) 8-31. Match score - Cowbridge 49, Treharris 103, one to forget!

Our ladies had two away games. The first of these was a two rink evening league game at St Fagans. Cowbridge lost overall but gained another three points by winning on one rink.

Rink scores: Mary Dowdle, Sylvia Hole, Joy Woolford and Dorothy Pritchard (skip) 4-35; Carol Davies, Diane Lloyd, Phyllis Price and Kay Edwards (skip) 23-9. Match score - Cowbridge 27, St Fagans 44.

The second game was a Cowbridge Shield game at Pencoed. *Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Pat Davey, Phyllis Price and Jan Lewis (skip) 15-16; Lynda Wilson, Carol Davies, Diane Lloyd and Pat Holdsworth (skip) 8-23; Helena Snelling, Maggie Penn, Dorothy Pritchard and Woolford (skip) 11-21. Match score - Cowbridge 34, Pencoed 60.*

Finally the men were knocked out of the Alan Martin Cup in a two rink game played at home last Sunday against Llantwit Major. Match score - Cowbridge 35, Llantwit 56.

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THE under-14 (Year 7 and 8) and under-16 (Year 9) girl's athletic teams took part in the knockout cup preliminary round of the Cardiff and Vale knockout Cup.

Each pupil is only allowed a maximum of one track and one field event. It is a team competition, so in each event the team need the highest amount of points.

In Cowbridge's preliminary round they competed against Whitchurch, Mary Immaculate, Corpus Christi, Llanishen , St Cyres and Fitzalan. Bro Edern were also in the under-14 competition.

The first two teams qualified for the A Cup final and the third and fourth position the B Cup final held on June 17.

The very talented under-16 team made up of all year 9 pupils came first winning eight of the 12 events - 100m Tirion Evans 3rd 13.7s; 200m Jordan meek 1st 27.9; 300m Ffion Mcnamee 1st 50.1; 800m Jessica Wadey 1st 2mins 34; 1500m Mali Howell 1st 5min 31.4; 4 x 100m (Ffion Mcnamee, India Maurice, Jessica Wadey and Jordan Meek) 1st 57.2; 75m Hurdles 1st Megan Hodgson 1st 12.9; Long Jump Jessica Wadey 2nd 3m86; High Jump Megan Hodgson 1st 1m45; Shot Tirion Evans 1st 7m47; Discus Sarah Jones 4th 16m44; Javelin India Maurice 2nd 23m14.

The under-14 team made up of year 7 and 8 pupils did really well with so many inexperienced athletes, coming second overall behind Whitchurch - 100m Beth Edwards 2nd 13.7; 200m Hanna Dixon 2nd 29.4; 300m Charlotte Tudor 1st 47.8; 800m Jessica Gregory 4th; 1500m Sophie Hawkins 2nd 5.56.0; 4 x 100m (Saffron Maurice, Beth Edwards, Charlotte Tudor and Hannah Dixon) 1st 56.4; 70m hurdles Saffron Maurice 2nd 11.8; Long Jump Isobel Annetts 4th 3m39; High Jump Saffron Maurice 3rd 1m25; Shot Amalie Clode 4th 6m01; Discus Hollie Oakman 1st 20m27; Javelin Emma Jones 5th 13m16.

UNDER-15 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cowbridge took part in the under-15 Cardiff and Vale Championships at Leckwith Stadium.

There were many good performances from the girls, noticeably Megan Hodgson in the pole vault who won with a new personal best jump of 3m05 with a championship best performance.

Jessica Wadey also won the 800m with a time of 2minutes 24.71. There were second places for Jordan Meek in the 300m final with 45.89s and Tirion Evans in the pole vault with 2m80, which equals her personal best.

Other results were: 100m Bethan Edwards 6th in heat 2 with a time of 14.3s; 200m Ffion Mcnamee 5th in heat 3 with 31.4s and Charlotte Tudor 4th in heat 2 with 31.75s; 300m Jessica Wadey was only allowed to take part in the heat as she did not compete in the preliminary round due to other commitments - with her time of 45.34s she would have won the final; Sophie Rees came 4th in her heat 53.71.

800m Meriel Clode came 9th with 2min 45 and Emily Jenkins 13th in 2min 49; 1500m Mali Howell came 5th in 5min 22 and Sophie Hawkins 7th in 5min 38; 75m hurdles Eve Mordecai came 4th in the final with 13.8s and Helena Mccormack was 8th in the final with 15.1s; 1.5km walk Lauren Skeet came 3rd with a time of 10min 19 and India Maurice 5th in 10min31.

The relay squad of Tirion Evans, Jessica Wadey, Bethan Edwards and Jordan Meek came 6th in the final; high jump Jordan Meek came 9th overall with a clearance of 1m35 and Sophie Rees 16th with 1m25; long jump Ffion Mcnamee 9th with a jump of 3m 67; Shot Hollie Oakman came 13th with a throw of 6m68 and Sarah Jones 16th with 6m 62.

Discus Hollie Oakman came 7th with a distance of 17m27; javelin Tirion Evans came 15th with a throw of 12m94; hammer Sarah Jones competing for her first time and first time she had ever thrown the hammer came 5th with a throw of 15m13.

Well done to all the girls who competed, an excellent performance by you all.

Year 8 and 9 athletics team.

Megan Hodgson in pole vault action.